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Top Photo: Golden Eagle *Myanabe* at the CPN Eagle Aviary.

CPN Department of Education update



The new CPN Department of Education will be at Festival to meet with attendees and those interested in higher education opportunities.

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Full Festival 2016 guide



Maps, honored family profiles and the full schedule of events for Festival are in this issue.

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In the more than four decades since the first Potawatomi Intertribal Powwow took place, many a June headline have been written welcoming Citizen Potawatomi home to Shawnee. It has been written in many incarnations, but this year marks the first front page headline written in Potawatomi. It's a rough translation, but the spirit is the same in the tribe's native tongue in saying "Welcome to your home Potawatomi people!"

Each June, Citizen Potawatomi from across the world travel to the tribal headquarters in Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma to celebrate their shared heritage and forge closer ties with friends and family. The 2016 Family Reunion Festival looks to be no different as an expected 5,000 tribal members will spend June 24-26 participating in cultural activities, visiting CPN businesses and seeing friends and family descended from the original founding families.

All attendees of Festival must register in person at FireLake Arena the day of their arrival to gain access to activities and events taking place on tribal grounds. However, for those in the vicinity on Thursday, June 23, an early registration session will take place at the arena from noon to 6 p.m. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday.

The honored families for 2016 are Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo and Muller. More information on these families can be found on page 15 of this edition of the *Hownikan*, and any members of these families should check the morning hours of the schedule for Saturday, June 27 to find the time for their family's group photo inside the powwow arena.

Three elections are on the ballot on the June 27 CPN Election Day. Oklahoma-based representatives Paul Wesselhöft (District 9) and Paul Schmidtkofer (District 12) will be up for re-election, though they drew no challengers during the filing period.



Sunset during the 2015 Family Reunion Festival.

Only Citizen Potawatomi living in Oklahoma may cast a ballot for these races.

Also on the ballot is the tribal budget, which is voted on by all tribal members, regardless of location. For more information on voting, see the guide on page 6 of this edition of the paper.

Due to a total renovation taking place at FireLake Golf Course, neither night golf nor the Saturday golf tournament will take place at the 2016 Festival. However, activities at the golf course aren't completely off. From 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, the staff and golf professionals will be hosting a clinic for newcomers and regular golfers at the driving range. Tours of the new clubhouse are tentatively scheduled throughout Festival.

After nearly two years of reconstruction following a flood caused by a City of Shawnee water main, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center is on schedule for a full re-opening by Festival.

Registration and departures for tours of the CPN Eagle Aviary are being done exclusively at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Museum displays, cultural exhibits and the Citizen Potawatomi Gift Shop are being

prepared for the influx of Festival attendees keen on learning more about their shared heritage. The latter has supplies available for those last minute regalia needs, including several sewing machines and regalia making classes taking place before the Saturday night powwow. The gift shop also has ready-made regalia, including ribbon shirts for men and shawls and dresses for women.

Regalia is an important part of one of Festival's main attractions, Saturday night's Grand Entry, where Potawatomi from across the Nation enter the powwow arena together as one tribe. Government leaders, led by Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale enter behind the CPN Veterans' Group Color Guard. They are followed by this year's honored families. Given the sacred nature of the powwow arena, it is vital that attendees wear appropriate dress, which includes slacks and ribbon shirts for men and shawls or dresses for women. Shorts and tank tops are strongly discouraged.

Attendees should check their final schedule distributed at registration upon arrival, as it is subject to change. For more information on Festival, visit cpn.news/cpnfest2016.



KELLI McCULLAR
FOR SHAWNEE COMMISSIONER

VOTE JUNE 28TH!

Late June always a time for Citizen Potawatomi Powwow and Festival

Since 1972, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, or as it was known until 1996, the Citizen Band Potawatomi, have hosted a late-June celebration of Native American culture. The inception of what was then an intertribal powwow and general council meeting started off as a way to enhance Native traditions amongst Potawatomi and address the governmental business of the tribe. The tribal government’s newspaper, this publication, has chronicled the event’s course along the way. Below are a few notable excerpts from this timeline.

1974

Officially, the former Citizen Band Potawatomi Inter-Tribal Powwow began in 1972 following the tribe’s general council meeting held at St. Gregory’s College. As a June 1974 *How-Ne-Con* article put it about that year’s upcoming event, “...we are looking for another good turn-out this year. After the Council Meeting there will be a Pow-wow and feed at the Tribal Community House, south of Shawnee. The Pow-wow should begin around 5:00 p.m. and last until everyone is ready to go home.”

According to the paper, hosting the 1974 powwow were “Mr. A.B. Pecore, Mr. LeRoy Neddeau and the Shawnee Inter-Tribal Gourd Clan.”

1986

On page 3 of the June 1986 edition of the *How-Ni-Kan*, a sample ballot for that year’s elections was printed.

Doyle Owens, running for the position of vice-chairman, and Kenneth Peltier, candidate for secretary-treasurer, both ran unopposed. There were a wide range of judicial nominees in 1986, some of whom are legends in Native American legal circles including Lawrence Wahpepah, F. Browning Pipestem, Bill Rice and current CPN District Court Judge Phil Lujan.

1991

The front page of the June 1991 tribal paper described the plans for the “Potawatomi Days,” including the “18th annual Citizen Band Potawatomi Pow Wow.” As the paper reported, “Pow Wow Chairman Orval Kirk expects a big turn-out of dancers competing for \$15,000 in prize money.”

Echoing a familiar theme of providing an escape from the mid-summer Oklahoma heat, the article encouraged attendees to visit the Potawatomi Bingo Hall where on Saturday “the real excitement will come at night when the bingo hall gives away a 1991 Geo Metro.”

1996

The June 1996 *How-Ni-Kan* promoted the upcoming event by advertising a new tribal activity to the roster of events taking place at that year’s “Potawatomi Pow-Wow.”

“While Potawatomi children learn about their culture and traditions during the 23rd annual Pow-Wow

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Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

June, 1991

Plans for Potawatomi Days in full swing

Potawatomis from all over America are arriving in the Shawnee area for Potawatomi Days, June 28-30. And lots of surprises, as well as the traditional activities, are on tap.

The fun begins Friday, June 28, with the fifth annual All-Indian Golf Tournament, which continues through Sunday. A \$45 entry fee covers two days of golf with green fees, a meal, prizes and more. Thirty new pull-carts have been purchased for the convenience of golfers. Tribal Administrator Bob Davis said.

The 18th annual Citizen Band Potawatomi Pow Wow also starts in Friday, with grand entry at 8 p.m. Pow Wow Chairman Orval Kirk expects a big turn-out of dancers competing for \$15,000 in prize money. The pow wow continues through Sunday night. There will be vendors of all descriptions this year selling food, arts and crafts and more. Museum curator Esther Lowden said that the museum gift shop will have a booth as usual, and will give away a free cold soft drink with each purchase of \$2.50 or more. She will also have fans available for 75 cents.

At least two families — the Williams and the Andersons — have planned reunions to be held in tribal grounds during the weekend. Tribal rolls director Gary Farrell said there will undoubtedly be others held at other locations.

For those who want to escape the heat or just try a change of pace, the Potawatomi Bingo Hall will offer tribal members a free \$5 bingo pack on Saturday afternoon. But the real excitement will come that night when the bingo hall gives away a 1991 Geo Metro. Gaming Director David Qualls invites tribal members and their families to come try their luck. He plans to give away a car every week during July. Davis noted that most of the cars will be purchased from Harvey's, a Shawnee car dealership owned by tribal member Jerry O'Connor.

At the museum, Seneca-Ojibwa artist and storyteller Stonehorse Lone will demonstrate his work with stone, alabaster and antlers, telling stories at the same time. Visitors to the museum will find a wealth of exhibits to study, art to admire in the gallery and items to buy in the gift shop.

More serious business will be conducted during the day Saturday at tribal headquarters on the hill. At 7 a.m., the annual General Council meeting will be called to order and then recessed until after the tribal election. Enrolled tribal members will have until 2 p.m. to vote on a Grievance Committee member (incumbent Gene Bruno is challenged by Hazel Rhodd Williamson) and to indicate approval or disapproval of this year's proposed referendum budget.

Also on the ballot will be Business Committee member Hilton Melot and Grievance Committee members Jo Ann Johnson and Jerry Paul Motley.



This young dancer was a hit a couple of years ago — he'll be a little bigger this year!

all of whom are seeking reelection and are unopposed. In addition to the votes cast on site June 29, the Election Commission will count almost 500 absentee ballots.

The General Council will reconvene at 3 p.m. so that tribal members may hear annual reports, election results and ask any questions they may have. One highlight of that session will be the presentation of the 1991 remembrance of Marjorie Neddeau, a greatly loved and respected elder and tribal member." Kiker said. Mrs. Neddeau died recently.

Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. will give a traditional talk to begin the service, with a special worship service and Holy Communion following at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Hal Greenwood of the Choctaw Tribe, the Rev.

June 28-30, their parents can explore cyberspace by surfing the Internet in the tribe’s new computer lab. Tribal administrator J.D. Colbert said that half of the computer lab will be available to tribal members on Saturday morning during Pow-Wow for those interested in exploring the World Wide Web.”

1998

Page 15 of the June 1988 *How-Ni-Kan* chronicled the winners of what would be the final year of the original Potawatomi Intertribal Powwow. Interestingly of note, in more than 18 divisions of men’s and women’s dance competitions, only one Potawatomi, Charles J. Duncan of Meeker, Oklahoma was listed amongst the top winners.

1999

An April 1999 edition of the tribal paper pronounced the official beginning of a new tradition at Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the CPN Family Reunion Festival, which would begin in June 1999. The genesis of this shift towards a CPN-centric event began in 1998. During the previous year, the Nation hosted a one-night powwow exclusively for Citizen Potawatomi members.

Noted the front page article in June 1999’s *How-Ni-Kan*, “Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation responded so well to last year’s Friday evening ‘All-Potawatomi Pow Wow’ (sic) that the Business Committee members have taken the concept two steps further...(this) replaces the intertribal pow wow, forming the Nation’s first heritage festival.”

Tribal Chairman John Barrett noted the change in that same issue of the tribal newspaper, writing “I was on the Business Committee when we had our first intertribal pow wow back in 1972. The thought at the time was to have an intertribal pow wow to get us started in our own traditions — since we had no drums, no singers and no dancers. We were supposed to learn our own ways, after we learned from other tribes, and then teach our people...Here we are 27 years later, and we have yet to have more than five Citizen Potawatomi competition dancers enter a contest at our own pow wow.”

Chairman Barrett also addressed the name change, explaining “‘Festival’ is the word favored by the Business Committee to signify a new celebration of family — which is what we are.”

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April 1999

Nation's first Potawatomi Festival premieres June 25

Fun, fellowship, and spiritual renewal will flow from a full slate of activities for Citizen Potawatomi tribal members in late June. The nation will host its inaugural Citizen Potawatomi Heritage Festival, replacing the Nation's annual intertribal powwow.

This year's event will be very special and reserved for Potawatomi family and their extended family (in-laws, etc.). Also invited are Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees and their immediate family. All those who attend will be registered and given identification to show their family affiliation for the reunions. A gift bag will also be given for use throughout the festival. It will contain food coupons and other useful items.

Festivities will begin on Friday, June 25 and continue through Sunday, June 27, in and around the tribe's headquarters in south Shawnee. The Potawatomi Festival's centerpiece will be an All-Potawatomi Pow Wow Dance at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 26.

"There will be lots of family competition, food, fellowship, fun, and prizes," said John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Chairman. "We hope to attract more Potawatomi back home than have attended our powwows in the past. We are trying to create new Citizen Potawatomi tradition. Instead of watching Indians from other tribes dance and win our money, we are going to celebrate being Potawatomi — and Potawatomi know how to have a good time."

Linda Capps, Citizen Potawatomi Vice Chairman, explained that "the orientation of the Potawatomi Festival is multi-generational. We want tribal members of all ages, from infants to our elders, to attend, participate, and enjoy themselves."

Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation responded so well to last year's Friday evening "All-Potawatomi Pow Wow" that the Business Committee members have taken the concept two steps further. This is a two-day extension of last year's "Potawatomi Only" celebration and replaces the intertribal powwow, forming the Nation's first heritage festival.

Just as last year's Friday evening event was a time of celebration, singing, dancing, and gathering of friends and family, the festival promises equally gala events with more freedom for all to participate. "The festival provides choices — to participate in and observe cultural events, to

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Rocky Baptiste, Jon Ketzler and Jeremy Finch Dance At Last Year's Potawatomi Night. This Year's Festival Will Expand The All-Tribal Activities.



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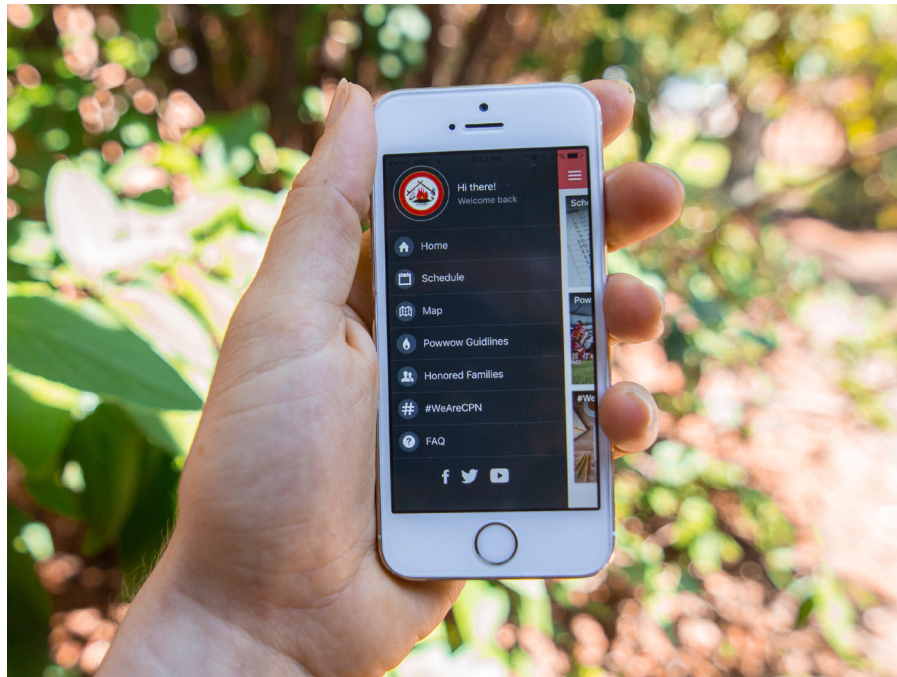
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Smartphone app for Family Reunion Festival gets an update

Every year for their final project as participants of the Potawatomi Leadership Program, attendees partner up to solve a problem facing the tribe or develop a business venture that would benefit CPN. In 2014 Lydia Davison and Kristi Melot came up with the idea to develop a smartphone app for the annual Festival. The two presented their idea during their program's final presentation session and were on hand to see it become a reality in 2015 as interns.

CPN Information Technology Web Developer Nathan Hawkins did the leg work in developing the app. He worked alongside Melot and Davison by getting their input on its look and capabilities. While he has extensive experience in working on website development, creating an app was something Hawkins had never done before. As he explained, the process seemed hectic.

"We only had two weeks to put together the app. The day it went live was the first day of Festival last year," said Hawkins. "During those two weeks I found myself working on it several times until 2 a.m."



The app is available on iTunes and Google Play stores.

The final product came together with three sections: a festival map, schedule and powwow guidelines.

Hawkins asked tribal members if they were using the app during Festival last year and, if so, asked for feedback on it.

"The two big things that need to be changed were that the schedule needs to be updatable and scalable. It was set to one size, so it couldn't be enlarged," said Hawkins. "The powwow guidelines came in handy because everyone could share the information for the proper etiquette with their family members."

The app is receiving updates for the 2016 Festival but not much is changing. The schedule will be updated throughout the event and Hawkins is allowing users to scale the schedule so that it's easier to read. He also plans on adding a social media aspect for a feed within the app if you use a certain hashtag on Instagram. Honored families will also have their own section.

"I don't think either of us ever envisioned that our app would come to life, especially so quickly," said Davison. "I wanted to help tribal members navigate through Festival and have an easier understanding all of the opportunities that are available. Nathan really took our idea and made it into a reality."

To download the app, Apple users can find it in iTunes and Android users can locate it in the Google Play Store by searching "Citizen Potawatomi Nation."

Hand games, a fun and traditional event for all

Saturday night during Festival isn't the only time you can hear the beating of the drum. Friday night has a tradition all its own with a different kind of movement to the beat. Traditional hand games are played the first night of Festival and participants jiggle and jive throughout the event. The hand games are a traditional Potawatomi game played between different families and friends with wagers being placed on each team.

Many teams are put together several months in advance of the event, but an at-large team is always put together the night of the competition. Tribal Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett begins the competition under the Round House next to the CPN Powwow Arena.

Rules for the game are as follows: an individual from a team

of seven called a "picker" competes against two "hiders" from the opposition. The hiders each have a bead, which they mix between their hands behind their back. When the hiders are ready, they put their hands forward and the picker from the other team points with a decorative stick at which hands they believe the beads are in.

To score a point for their team, the picker must correctly choose the two hands the beads are in, with no credit earned for one correct hand. Games go to a score of nine. Sometimes, games can take up to an hour for one game alone.

All attendees are offered an opportunity to compete in the event and win prizes. The CPN drum group sings throughout the entirety of the competition that begins at 6:30 p.m. and can last until midnight. To participate



Angelique Williams attempts to pick the correct hand at Festival 2015.

be sure and check in several hours before the competition kicks off. For those who want to simply watch the

action, report to the Round House in the evening on Friday, June 24, 2016.

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What to expect at the Cultural Heritage Center during Festival

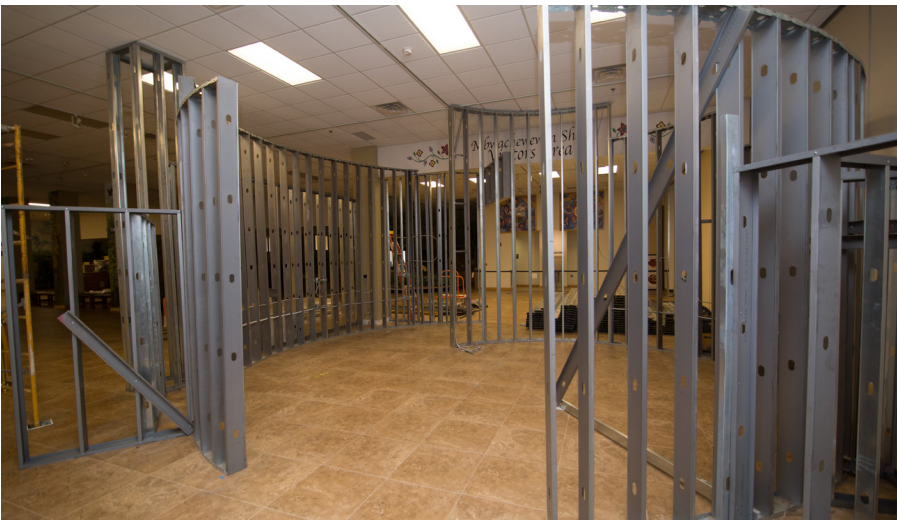
The Cultural Heritage Center is one of tribal members’ favorite places to visit during Festival. Visitors will be in for a treat as they will see the many changes that have taken place during the past year and get a preview of what is to come. We sat down with CHC Director Kelli Mosteller, Ph.D., to learn more about what we can look forward to seeing in June.

What construction has taken place lately at the CHC?

“We have begun to put objects into the cases on the Veterans’ Wall of Honor. They don’t necessarily look the way they will when the redesign is completely finished, but most of the cases should have some objects in them for Festival while we work to complete the larger exhibit. On the main gallery floor we have started construction of all the walls to separate out various sections of the exhibit. They will be finished, including electrical needs and drywall by the end of April.”

What updates will be taking place before Festival?

“By Festival we plan to have section one of the main exhibit complete, this will tell the story of the Seven Fires Prophecy and the Three Fires Council of which we were a part. We will have all of the veteran images installed on the Veterans’ Wall of Honor and five of the cases will be completed. We



Walls for the Cultural Heritage Center's main exhibit are being framed by tribal member Reuben Peltier.

will be in construction on sections two and eight of the main exhibit gallery, which depict the role that the ecology of the Great Lakes played in Potawatomi life and our time in Kansas, respectively. We will also have mock-ups and sketch drawings of the rest of the exhibit sections.”

What should tribal members expect to do at the CHC during Festival?

“The CHC will continue to host classes and demonstrations as we have in the past. That will also include a visit from Myanabe, CPN’s golden eagle, and the aviary staff each afternoon so that tribal members can see him on the glove and ask questions. We will

do tours of the exhibit on the odd hours throughout the day on Friday and Saturday so that CHC staff can explain where we are in the construction phase and talk about the larger plan for the exhibit. Specific times will be listed in the Festival schedule of events.”

Who is doing the construction on the CHC?

“Reuben Peltier, a tribal member, is doing wall construction and other structural pieces, like pedestals and platforms. CHC staff members are working with an exhibit design firm, Atlas Fine Art Service, to develop the concepts and design features. Blake and I have shaped the narrative and

are writing the content. CPN tribal members Jennifer Randell of the CPN Eagle Aviary and Trey DeLonais of the CPN Public Information Department have helped with a lot of the design work for the Seven Fires exhibit. Other CPN departments, especially tribal members employed in related fields, are assisting as well.”

When did construction start? When is the projected time frame for completion?

“When we received our insurance settlement in August of 2015, we hired Atlas to start working on the overall design of the exhibit in September, and construction started in March of 2016. We plan to finish the entire exhibit gallery by June of 2017.”

To learn more about the CHC, please scan this QR code or visit www.potawatomiheritage.org.



CPN construction update: June 2016

CPN’s progress on new construction and upgrades to existing facilities will be on full display at Festival 2016. From FireLake Wellness Center to FireLake Express Grocery’s newest location, the development of tribal facilities continues to grow.

FireLake Golf Course is undergoing a full renovation. The back nine greens have been elevated and a new drainage system was installed to relieve the stagnant water issue in many of the existing ponds. The golf course will also feature a new clubhouse that will house a restaurant, bar and pro shop. The golf course is expecting to be fully operational with 18 holes by mid-2017, but tours of the clubhouse are tentatively scheduled to take place at Festival 2016.

Iron Horse Industrial Park continues to move forward. Approximately 7,000 feet of rail will be laid throughout the park, which has been designated a foreign-trade zone.

At the time of print, the ground is being cleared for an addition to FireLake Wellness Center, where the physical therapy department will eventually move into a 1,200

square foot addition. The expansion will allow the already bustling program to see more patients.

The CPN Transportation Department will soon be relocating from their current location inside a trailer along Hardesty Road to a new, two-story 9,375 square foot building next to the CPN administration building. This new facility will have an attached garage capable of housing their fleet of vehicles serving nearby communities.

The CPN Employment and Training Department is also scheduled to move from their current headquarters in Tecumseh to offices being built next to the new CPN Transportation Facility. Also changing with the move will be the department’s longtime title, which will be CPN Workforce Development. The new building will be two stories with a 7,500 square foot bottom floor and approximately 2,500 square foot second floor.

Tours of some of these sites can be scheduled during the 2016 Family Reunion Festival. Be sure to check the schedule for these opportunities in this edition of the *Hownikan* as well as the one given out during Festival registration, as it is subject to change.



Construction crews erect new buildings for the CPN Transportation Department and CPN Workforce Development near the Administration building.



The new clubhouse at the golf course.

Powwow the highlight of Festival for many Potawatomi

Often seen as the penultimate event of the CPN Family Reunion Festival, the Citizen Potawatomi Powwow draws participants and audience members alike to the dance arena after a long two days of activities. Though it may appear free flowing for a first time viewer, the dances and structure of the event builds on hundreds of years of traditions for Native American ceremonial celebrations. All Citizen Potawatomi are invited to join in the dances, whether they are stepping into Grand Entry as an honored family member or competing cash prizes in the powwow.

Before one considers entering the powwow arena however, the most important thing to take note of is attire. In Native American culture, powwow arenas are sacred, like a church or temple. While one would not typically enter such a sanctuary in casual dress like flip flops or tank tops, nor should they enter the dance arena during ceremonies unless dressed in formal Potawatomi attire, which is also known as regalia.

That attire can be simple. For men, all one needs is a ribbon shirt and slacks. For women, a shawl or a dress is considered respectful attire to don during a ceremonial event like the powwow or Grand Entry.

While no one disputes the importance of man's best friend, dogs are not allowed in the powwow arena at



Powwow dancers line up in front of the judges after the men's open competition.

any time. Just as one wouldn't bring a family pet to a church service, nor should they allow their animals to run free during the Family Reunion Festival. It is also important to keep track of the children to make sure they do not stray out into the arena during ceremonial dances.

As CPN Arena Director Coby Lehman noted, these are some of the biggest challenges each year during Festival.

"This powwow arena, we treat this place as a sacred area and not as a playground. This is a place where we respect ourselves, our friends and our ancestors," he said.

Following the annual general council meeting on Saturday afternoon, the beats of a drum can often be heard emanating from the powwow arena. Though many confuse this with the start of the powwow, it is actually the beginning of the gourd dance, which is open to military veterans and those wishing to dance in their honor.

"A lot of these dances have spiritual meanings, for instance the jingle dance where female participants have bells attached to their dresses, it is a healing dance," explained Lehman.

The origins of the dance, like the Potawatomi, began in the Great

Lakes region where an Ojibwe man's granddaughter was sick. He had a dream about the dance, and held one in her honor, attaching bells to her regalia. Before the dance began, she could not stand, and by the end she was an active participant. Often times, when someone is wearing a jingle dress, it signifies their hope to heal or honor someone close to them.

Female participants can also dance northern traditional style, which in places like Oklahoma has a slower drum beat. Dancers wear a shawl during the dance, which is swung in time with the beat.

Men's traditional is the most common dance seen at the Citizen Potawatomi Festival. It is notable for its double step technique, where dancers take two small steps with each foot. The significance of this particular style is meant to honor the initial steps of the first man, who like all young ones taking their own first walk, stumbled before getting it right.

Dancers participating in the competitive divisions on the Saturday night powwow have the opportunity to win cash prizes. To learn more about powwow dancing, arena etiquette and other cultural activities taking place at Festival, please visit <http://cpn.news/festivalprep>.

CPN Education update: June 2016

By CPN Education Director
Tesia Zientek

If you have received a tribal scholarship recently, I'm sure you are extremely grateful for the financial relief it provides. If you're lucky, you might have encountered the band of devoted employees behind each check. Charles Clark, Spring Cleveland and Kristen McGirt in the CPN Tribal Rolls Department have demonstrated incredible patience and attention to detail as they processed endless applications for Tribal Rolls scholarships.

At the CPN Housing Department, Scott George and Raychel Swenson learned more than you'd ever care to know about lead-based paint and environmental assessments in order to comply with the strict regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and provide housing scholarships.

Over in CPN Employment and Training, Kandi Cumbie worked tirelessly with students to meet unmet need with higher education grants.

As someone who benefitted from tribal scholarships for several years, I cannot thank these individuals enough for their dedication to

our tribal members pursuing higher education. With their blessing, however, it's time for a change. CPN will continue its commitment to students by ushering in a new era of scholarships.

In an effort to simplify the scholarship process, we will consolidate the tribal rolls, housing and employment and training scholarships into one single CPN Tribal Scholarship that will be administered by the CPN Department of Education. The scholarship application will be available online in a user-friendly student portal. Our hope is that by streamlining everything into one scholarship application and one award, students will find the process easier and less burdensome.

I can almost hear the questions about this new process forming, but for now, I'll humbly ask for your patience. We understand that funding college is serious business, so we want to work out all of the administrative details on our end before we implement the new system. Fortunately, you won't have to wait too long for answers, as we plan to announce details about the new process at the Family Reunion Festival this summer. The CPN Department of Education will have an information booth set up on the Festival grounds, so I encourage you to



Megan Malouf, Ginger Johnson, Tarena Reece and Stacy Bennett are the first group of graduates who used the CPN-SGU scholarship program.

please stop by to ask questions and create a student profile. If you can't make it this summer, please watch the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Facebook and Twitter accounts and the *Hownikan* for more updates. Finally, if you would like to be contacted when new processes and deadlines are announced, please email that request to college@potawatomi.org.

We are proud of all of you smart, talented CPN members who pursue your educational goals, and we are

excited to add scholarships to our efforts to support you in every way we can.

In that vein, I would also like to congratulate the first class of Potawatomi graduates who utilized the CPN-St. Gregory's scholarship program since its signing in 2015.

Here's hoping for many more!

Federal, state and tribal partnerships rebuild monarch habitats in Oklahoma

The state’s monarch butterflies have several new partners working for their benefit as seven Native American tribes, the Euchee Butterfly Farm and the University of Kansas’ Monarch Watch work to restore their habitats in Oklahoma.

“We’re looking to build up their habitats in our Pottawatomie County community, which are along their migration path from Central Mexico to the Great Lakes,” explained Kelli Mosteller, Ph.D. of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. “Our tribe, like many others, understands the importance of these creatures on our lands and agricultural sector, so we were thrilled to participate with such a fantastic group of partners.”

In the past 20 years, the North American monarch population has decreased from one billion to fewer than 60 million. The governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States put together a team of researchers to address the issue and promote monarch conservation. One strategy to combat this devastating drop in population was to increase milkweed plants along their migration routes. Because milkweed is the only thing a monarch caterpillar eats, the increase of food supplies along the migration routes where the butterflies lay eggs during the spring and fall would help sustain and grow their population.

Each of the seven tribes - the Citizen Potawatomi, Miami, Osage, Mus-



CPN Eagle Aviary Assistant Manager Bree Dunham holds golden eagle Myanabe and Euchee Butterfly Farm Director Jane Breckenridge releases two of the 100 painted lady butterflies at the aviary.



One hundred painted lady butterflies and 2,500 milkweed plants were planted at the CPN Eagle Aviary to encourage habitat restoration for monarchs in Oklahoma.

cogee (Creek), Seminole, Chickasaw and Eastern Shawnee - pledged to plant at least 2,500 milkweed plants on tribal property and another 2,500 next year. The first of those 2,500 were planted May 10 at the Citizen Potawatomi Eagle Aviary.

Funded from a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant and the Oklahoma tribal partnership, 100 painted female butterflies were released and caterpillars given away to participants to encourage habitat restoration in Oklahoma. This grant will also fund the planting of other native plants in the coming years as well as training for local Oklahoma residents and Native youth to promote habitat restoration projects.

Chip Taylor, Ph.D., director of Monarch Watch, and Euchee Butterfly Farm Director Jane Breckenridge were at the CPN Eagle Aviary planting.

“A partnership like this on an environmental issue, or maybe any issue, is without precedent, so it's pretty exciting to be a part of it,” Breckenridge said. “We will not only be restoring habitat, but also developing the capacity for future restoration efforts in Oklahoma through training, developing native wildflower and milkweed seed banks, and dedicating greenhouses to producing native plants.”

According to these experts, Oklahoma is behind in addressing many environmental issues and hasn’t taken the monarch depletion as seriously as other states. However, the tribes have taken notice.

“Oklahoma tribes have taken it upon themselves to do something and that’s a great thing,” stated Taylor. “This is the only region where seven different communities are coming together to accomplish a common goal. Our goal is to recreate the natural habitat that occurred here in the past.”

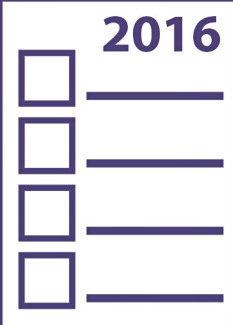
Tribal Election Information

WHO CAN VOTE



CPN MEMBERS 18 OR OLDER ON ELECTION DAY CAN VOTE IN TRIBAL ELECTIONS.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION?



DISTRICTS 9 AND 12 LEGISLATIVE RACES AND THE ANNUAL TRIBAL BUDGET.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?



BALLOT REQUEST FORMS ARE MAILED OUT TO EACH ELIGIBLE VOTER AHEAD OF THE JUNE ELECTIONS. FILL OUT THE FORM AND RETURN IT BY THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE.

WHO CAN VOTE FOR DISTRICT 9 AND 12 LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES?



ALL CPN MEMBERS RESIDING IN OKLAHOMA CAN VOTE FOR EACH LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATE, AS OKLAHOMA'S LEGISLATORS ARE CHOSEN AT-LARGE.

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL BUDGET?



THE ANNUAL BUDGET PAYS FOR NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TRIBE.

WHEN DOES VOTING TAKE PLACE?

JUNE						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	X
26	27	28	29	30		

VOTING TAKES PLACE SAT., JUNE 25, 2016 AT THE FAMILY FESTIVAL. ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE CAST PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY.

Oklahoma tribes learn about engaging in the United Nations

Indian nations have historically been international actors and a part of the world community of sovereign nations, and this is shown by their treaties with the United States and other nations. Today, tribes are seeking to rejoin the international community in order to protect their lands, sovereignty, and cultures, and to benefit their communities, according to experts who spoke at the "Indian Nations in the United Nations" workshop hosted by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the Indian Law Resource Center on April 22, 2016 at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center.

"I believe tribal leaders should be able to sit at the table with other world leaders," said Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor of the Chickasaw Nation in his opening remarks at the workshop. "We manage people, capital, vast natural resources, just like other sovereign nations."

Keel says his goal is to advocate for new rules that give indigenous governments a more appropriate status in the U.N. which would allow them to participate fully and permanently in the organization's processes and activities. Other goals supported by the Indian Law Resource Center and more than 150 indigenous nations, organizations and Native women's coalitions include creating a moni-

toring body for the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and bringing greater attention to the issue of violence against indigenous women.

"One of the reasons the Cherokee Nation is involved with the United Nations is to make sure when U.N. leaders are talking about issues such as climate change and violence against women, that indigenous people are there," said Lindsay Earls, Legislative Council for the Cherokee Nation.

The U.N. declaration was first adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 2007 and endorsed by the United States in 2010. It is a global statement of the rights of Indian and Alaska Native tribes including the rights of self-determination, self-government and autonomy, rights to lands and resources, the right to be free of violence and discrimination, and many other rights. However, few tribes know how the declaration can specifically benefit their people and what opportunities are available to engage internationally.

"Tribes have to engage in the U.N. process to ensure that the promises in the declaration are implemented," said Karla General, Indian Law Resource Center attorney. She offered a number of ways tribes could engage

in the U.N. system, ranging from attending the organization's meetings and speaking out about injustices, to building allies with member states.

Carmela Curup Chajon, a workshop participant and Indian Law Resource Center board member, said that in her home country of Guatemala, the declaration has become a critical tool for seeking justice. "Before the declaration, there was no mechanism to seek justice or protection for indigenous communities against mining interests."

In the United States, John "Rocky" Barrett, Tribal Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, said tribes face a number of local threats from state governments. "Tribes today are subjected to treatment that threatens their status as sovereigns," said Chairman Barrett, noting efforts by the Oklahoma State Tax Commission to collect sales tax from the Citizen Potawatomi.

Members from the Absentee Shawnee, Chickasaw Nation, Pawnee, Cit-



Executive Director Robert T. Coulter of the Indian Law Resource Center addresses guests of the U.N. workshop. Coulter is also a justice on the CPN Supreme Court.

izen Potawatomi Nation, Cherokee, Sac and Fox and Choctaw Nations participated in the workshop. For more information about how your tribe can engage internationally, see indianlaw.org/worldconference.



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WHERE TO STAY DURING FESTIVAL 2016

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Shawnee, OK 74804
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Shawnee, OK 74804
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Shawnee, OK 74804
(405) 275-8430

Tribe offers storm shelters through CPCDC and federal grant financing

In May 2013, a series of deadly tornadoes ripped through parts of Oklahoma, leaving areas of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal jurisdiction devastated. A mobile home park approximately one mile south of the Grand Casino Hotel Resort took a direct hit, with numerous injuries and two deaths. The communities of Pink and Little Axe, home to tribal members and employees alike, also suffered damage from the twisters.

In an effort to mitigate the impact of the most extreme kinds of severe weather that are all too common in Oklahoma, Citizen Potawatomi Nation partnered with the American Red Cross to fund a limited number of residential storm shel-

ters for tribal members residing in central Oklahoma in 2015.

The funds for the construction of those shelters, built through a partnership with shelter builders TornadoSafe, were quickly distributed. Those funds provided 92 shelters for tribal members in Oklahoma. The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation began exploring ways to continue that program’s goal of providing shelters to tribal members and employees.

They feel they may have found one such program in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation HITS Loan Program. Though not grant funded, the loans provided via the CPCDC will help those interested in building a shelter at their residence.

“Our target audience is those who didn’t receive a shelter the first time around through the CPN-Red Cross program in 2015,” explained CPCDC Assistant Director Cindy Logsdon. “Severe weather is a constant in this state and we felt it important to help provide this loan program to members of all tribes in Oklahoma as well as employees of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.”

Like most programs at the CPCDC, the opportunity to provide a \$4,200 loan for storm shelter construction also comes with an added bonus. Because it is a loan program, it provides customers with an incentive to improve their overall financial situation. Customers utilizing the Citizen Potawatomi HITS Loan Program can use its affordable 36 month maxi-

mum payment period to help improve bruised credit scores.

The loan program currently has \$100,000 allotted for loans to build the shelters and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis for qualifying customers. HITS Program loans are offered through the CPCDC to all members of federally recognized tribes as well as full time CPN employees with two years of employment. All qualifiers must live in the state of Oklahoma.

To download the application packet, visit cpn.news/HITS2016 or contact the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation at info@cpcdc.org or by calling 405-878-4697.

DO YOU NEED A STORM SHELTER?

Loans from the Citizen Potawatomi HITS Program provide funding for the construction of storm shelters at residential properties.

Apply if you:

- Are a member of a federally recognized tribe
- Are a full time CPN employee with two consecutive years of employment
- Need to improve your credit score
- Are an Oklahoma home owner



This program can provide up to a \$4,200 loan to build a storm shelter. Visit cpcdc.org/services or call 405-878-4697 to apply!



CPN Higher Education student earns perfect score on ACT

Out of the millions of test-takers nationwide, fewer than seven-hundredths of a percent (0.07 percent) of students who take the ACT receive a perfect score. One local Oklahoma student who attended a Citizen Potawatomi Nation-sponsored education program recently joined this elite club. Choctaw High School junior Joshua Crouch scored 36 out of 36 on the ACT with assistance from the Johnson O'Malley grant and CPN education programs. Crouch is the son of Rev. Jason and Sharon Crouch and a member of the Choctaw Nation.

JOM is a federal grant program for federally recognized Native Americans and it gives native students the same opportunities as their classmates in school by covering the fees for school supplies, testing, club dues and more.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation's JOM program serves 12 school districts, including Choctaw Public Schools, where Crouch attends high school.

According to Crouch, CPN's support allowed him to take advanced placement classes at Choctaw High School and college courses at Rose State. At the end of his junior year he will have 30 hours of college credit.

"I'm very thankful for CPN," said Crouch. "Their financial help with fees for AP courses and college classes has allowed me to take more than I thought possible."

While maintaining a 4.25 GPA, Crouch is a member of National



Elizabeth, Sharon, Joshua and Jason Crouch.

Honor Society, Bible quizzing and the competitive academic team at Choctaw High School, where he ranked first in the Oklahoma 6A district tournament last year. Crouch also spends time volunteering with his classmates in NHS and at his church.

After high school, Crouch plans to pursue bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees in the field of mathematics so that he can do research and teach at the collegiate level. His ACT score put him one step closer to this dream.

"When I found out, I couldn't stop smiling," Crouch said. "It was something that I had hoped for, but until you're holding that official notice from ACT in your hands, you never realize just how great it feels."

The day after he received notification from ACT of his score, he also found out that he made the cut for the National Merit Scholar Program and will learn if he is a semi-finalist in September.

"I want to thank the education department at CPN for their investment in Joshua," said Rev. Crouch. "The staff's help has enabled Joshua to open a lot of doors towards higher education."

The CPN Education Department serves a variety of tribal members and Native Americans from other federally recognized tribes. For more information about the JOM program, please visit cpn.news/JOM.

PROTECT A POTAWATOMI CHILD'S DREAM BECOME A FOSTER PARENT



To preserve the culture of our Native children, tribal foster homes are desperately needed in Oklahoma and throughout the United States.

Many of our tribal children are placed in non-native homes when taken into state custody due to the lack of foster families.

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Is this a great state or what?

By CPN District 11 Legislator
Lisa Kraft

If you live in Oklahoma, you have probably heard the tag line, "Is this a great state or what?" for the better part of 25 years thanks to News Channel 4's Galen Culver. Culver produces television segments that feature unique small town people, places, stories and celebrations. I use this tag line to emphasize that Oklahoma *is* a great state to call home. With 39 tribal Nations in Oklahoma, we are blessed to have quite a diversity of American Indian culture here since almost all of the tribes (the Caddo and Wichita are indigenous to Oklahoma) were removed and relocated to Indian Territory prior to Oklahoma statehood in 1907.

Each April, Guthrie, Oklahoma celebrates 89er Days to commemorate the Land Run of 1889 of the unassigned lands in central Oklahoma. Guthrie was the original territorial capitol of Oklahoma before statehood. You may be wondering why any American Indian would be celebrating the Land Run. In Guthrie, people celebrate their state history as well as their farming and family traditions - not the taking of lands.

I have written a time or two about St. Mary's Catholic School in Guthrie and the direct ties it has with the original St. Mary's on our tribal reservation. My grandmother graduated from St. Mary's Academy at Sacred Heart and my four uncles attended St. Benedict's Catholic School in Shawnee. Therefore, it is with this tradition, my son became a student at St. Mary's in Guthrie when we moved here almost six years ago.

This year, I was asked by the St. Mary's principal to coordinate their 89er Day celebration to introduce the 150-plus schoolchildren to American Indians. I enthusiastically accepted. The first call I made was to Representative David Barrett who agreed to ask our CPN Veterans' Color Guard to assist.

My mind went into full gear planning how I could make a lasting impression in young minds (pre-K through eighth grade). I knew dancing would be a spectacular way to get their attention, but I also wanted to



Derrick Skaggs, Herb Holton, Daryl Talbot, Bill Wano and David Barrett of the CPN Color Guard.

teach them about American Indian participation in U.S. military history.

If you have not seen our CPN color guard march in and present colors, or flags, it is a patriotic experience. They are so reverent in their precision. You can't help but beam with Potawatomi pride as you witness them. I am so thankful to the gentlemen that came up to represent the CPN Veterans' Organization and to Team Leader Herb Holton and David Barrett for coordinating everything.

Drummers Scott George (Osage and CPN Housing Director), Nick Wahpepah (Kickapoo and Kickapoo Public Health Coordinator), and Kinsel Lieb (Ponca and Ponca Business Committeeman) drummed in the color guard. When they sang the honor song, every child stood motionless and respectfully quiet. Although these men are from different tribes, they sung as if they had been playing together for years.

When I was walking in with Mr. Wahpepah, I thanked him for driving up to Guthrie to play and bring his drum. He responded by saying that anytime he is invited to sit next to Scott George and sing, he is honored, as Scott is known throughout Indian Country as one of the most respected men and voices at the drum. Thinking reverently about another's gift, wanting to simply be around someone to learn a tradition, and having a deep appreciation for educating people by sharing tribal culture are

all measures of a great young person.

Following the retiring of colors, I was able to talk with the children about Indian people coming together to celebrate their shared culture despite being from different tribes. When I asked how many children at St. Mary's are Native American, hands went up all around the room. I think this surprised the other children as well as the teachers. We all look different and represent so many tribal nations here in Oklahoma.

I asked the kids to imagine all the people living in Oklahoma and add another million; that way, they could envision the 5.2 million Indians living in the United States. There are 567 separate Indian Nations in America. I wanted children to understand that we are alive, contributing our skills, and our military carries on a long tradition of going to battle for American values. American Indians represent the largest minority group actively serving in the United States military.

My brief overview began with highlighting the 3,600 Indians that fought in the Civil War, two rising to the rank of generals; one for the Union and one for the Confederate. When World War I started, Indians were not recognized as U.S. citizens, yet 12,000 volunteered to serve. During World War II at least 99 percent of American Indian men ages 21 to 44 registered for the draft. By the end of WWII, 45,000 American Indians

had served in active duty, 800 of them women. Through the Korean War and Vietnam War Era, 42,000 Indians went to war with 90 percent volunteering. Brave men and women from tribes across America continued to fight in Grenada, Panama, the Gulf War, Somalia, Operation Iraqi Freedom and continue to fight in Operation Enduring Freedom. Read more about American Indian military service facts at <http://cpn.news/ndn-military>.

Deon and Thunder Lieb (Ponca) performed several dances for the children. Their dad, Kinsel Lieb talked to the children about why they wear roaches (to simulate an angry porcupine), why a male dancer gets low to the ground (to scout) and why he jumps in quick bursts (to show he is engaging an enemy). Thunder Lieb is a world-class champion (2015-2016) fancy dancer and also serves in the U.S. Army Reserve as a combat medic. Children could see him walking in two worlds - one celebrating tradition through dance and regalia and one of his present role of saving the lives of soldiers.

Overall, the 89er Day celebration of American Indians was a great success thanks to the children at St. Mary's, many friends, old and new, and colleagues coming together to share their talents, gifts, traditions and their pride in America and Oklahoma. I left that morning smiling and thinking, "Is this a great state or what?"

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - FRIDAY

6:00AM	Wellness Center Wellness Center open house • until 5 p.m.
7:00AM	Cultural Heritage Center Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11 a.m. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center <i>Registration at Cultural Heritage Center • Must sign-up.</i>
8:00AM	FireLake Arena Registration begins • ends at 8:30 p.m. Census and emergency contact update - West side of Arena Tribal ID cards being printed • until 8:30 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center Tribal heritage family and veterans interviews • until 5:30 p.m. Potawatomi Gift Shop opens • until 5:30 p.m. Clinics East and West clinics open • until 5 p.m.
8:30AM	South Reunion Hall Children’s fingerprinting • until 5:30 p.m.
9:00AM	Cultural Heritage Center Choker making class • until noon Shawl/Fringing class • until noon • charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch Beadwork class • until noon Appliqué class • until noon Moccasin making class • until 1 p.m. • \$35 for supplies - limited to first 15 people Book Signing - “Autobiographonies and Biographonies (and other nonsensical tales)” author, Wanda Goodnow • Until 10:30 a.m. Founding family film festival • until noon Kids Activities Youth arts & crafts • until 11:30 a.m. - Tribal Headquarters Kiddie Land - Powwow grounds Swimming pool at powwow grounds opens • until 7 p.m.
10:00AM	Powwow Grounds Hot dogs, bratwursts, smoked bologna • until 10 p.m. - Located at concessions throughout the powwow grounds Fry bread served • until 6:30 p.m. - Pavilions Drumming and dancing demo Ballfields Softball tournament sign-up • 14 & older • Until 2 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center Flute playing demonstration and flute showcase • until noon Tribal Headquarters - Kids Activities Swimming pool open • until 7 p.m. Coloring contest • 3-10 yrs old Chess and checkers sign-ups • 15 & under
11:00AM	Powwow Grounds <i>Registration for adult & teenage pool tournament • until 12:30 p.m.</i> Youth tent on powwow grounds
11:30AM	Pavilions Corn soup • served until 1 p.m.
12:00PM	Powwow Grounds Vendors arts & crafts opens Cultural Heritage Center Book Signing - “Autobiographonies and Biographonies (and other nonsensical tales)” author, Wanda Goodnow • Until 2:30 p.m.

1:00PM	Cultural Heritage Center Bandolier making class • until 4 p.m. Shawl/Fringing class • until 4 p.m. • charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch Beadwork class • until 4 p.m. Appliqué class • until 4 p.m. Powwow Grounds Adult & teenage pool tournament • 16 & older - Tent located at South side of FireLake water tower Tribal Headquarters - Kids Activities Youth arts & crafts • until 4 p.m. Children’s activities • 14 & under Chess and checkers • 15 & under
2:00PM	Cultural Heritage Center Eagle Aviary demonstration • until 4 p.m. Moccasin making class • until 4:30 p.m. • \$35 for supplies - limited to first 15 people Flute playing demonstration and flute showcase • until 4 p.m.
5:00PM	Game Pavilions Chess tournament • West of North reunion hall - <i>Registration at 4 p.m.</i> North Reunion Hall Potawatomi Bingo • until 6 p.m. Sharps Campgrounds <i>Horseshoe tournament registration</i>
5:30PM	Food Pavilions Dinner • served until 7:30 p.m. Round House Flag retirement ceremony - West side of round house <i>Traditional hand games registration</i> Cultural Heritage Center Closed for the night
6:00PM	Game Pavilions Domino tournament • West of North reunion hall Sharps Campgrounds Horseshoe tournament Game Pavilions Checkers tournament registration Powwow Grounds <i>Registration for dance under the stars and dance contest</i> Tent located at South side of Firelake water tower
6:30PM	Roundhouse Traditional hand games
7:00PM	Game Pavilions Checkers tournament Powwow Grounds Dance under the stars and dance contest • Live DJ Tent located at South side of Firelake water tower

F.A.Q.s ABOUT FAMILY REUNION FESTIVAL



When is Festival?
June 24-26. It is always the last weekend of June.



Can I bring my dog into the arena?
No, there are no dogs allowed. The arena is a sacred area.



How to report a lost child at Festival?
At every gate there is either a security officer or a police officer. Report a missing child to the nearest officer or call tribal police at **405.878.4818** and they will help you find your child.



What are the ages for children to participate at the Child Development Center?
Children need to be 15-years old or younger.



What do I wear in the dance arena?
Women should wear a skirt with a shawl and men should wear slacks and a ribbon shirt.



Can I bring my neighbor?
Festival is for CPN members and their immediate family (those dependents living in the home of the tribal member).



Where can I stay?
A full list of nearby lodging spaces are here: cpn.news/lodging



How do I vote?
Voting takes place in the CPN District Courtroom inside the administration building on Saturday, June 25 from 7AM to 2PM. Tribal ID is required to vote.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - SATURDAY

7:00AM	Cultural Heritage Center Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11 a.m. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center <i>Registration at Cultural Heritage Center • Must sign-up.</i> Tribal Headquarters Voting opens • until 2 p.m. - Tribal Courtroom Wellness Center 5K Fun Run/Walk - Meet at Wellness Center FireLake Arena Tribal ID cards being printed • until 2 p.m. Sharp House Talking circle
7:30AM	Powwow Grounds Breakfast • served until 9 a.m. BDC Gun Room <i>Registration for Bullseye pistol match</i>
8:00AM	FireLake Golf Course Driving Range Free golf clinic - Ends at 2 p.m. - No clubs or experience required Clinics East and West clinics open • until 3 p.m. Cultural Heritage Center Clardy/Crumbo honored family interviews Studio • until 9:15 a.m. Veterans’ Meeting Sacred Heart walking tour • transportation to site provided Cultural Heritage Center parking lot Potawatomi Gift Shop opens • until 2:30 p.m. • reopens at 5 p.m. FireLake Arena Registration begins • Closes at 2 p.m. for General Council will reopen at 5:30 p.m. and remain open until 8 p.m. West side of Arena Census and emergency contact update - West side of Arena Pavilions Fry bread making demonstration and competition Tag Agency Tag Office open • until 3 p.m. BDC Gun Room Bullseye pistol match 1st relay
8:30AM	Clinics Health fair • until 3 p.m. - Health Services at East and West Clinic South Reunion Hall Children’s fingerprinting • until 5:30 p.m.
9:00AM	Cultural Heritage Center <i>Adult art competition registration</i> • until noon • winners announced at General Council Choker making class • until noon Shawl/Fringing class • until noon • charge to buy a blank shawl/free to watch Beadwork class • until noon Appliqué class • until noon Moccasin making class • until 1 p.m. • \$40 for supplies - limited to first 15 people Founding family film festival • until noon The PLACE 3 on 3 basketball tournament • 15 & older - <i>Registration at 8 a.m.</i> BDC Gun Room Bullseye pistol match 2nd relay Powwow Grounds Children’s archery practice - West side of powwow grounds Kids Activities Youth arts & crafts • until 11:30 a.m. - Tribal Headquarters Youth basketball 3 on 3 • 14 & under - Tribal Headquarters Kiddie Land - Powwow grounds Swimming pool at powwow grounds open • until 5 p.m.
9:15AM	Cultural Heritage Center Frapp/Juneau honored family interviews - Studio • until 10:30 a.m.
9:30AM	Round House Flag retirement ceremony - West side of round house

10:00AM	BDC Gun Room Bullseye pistol match 3rd relay Ballfields Softball tournament - <i>Registration at 10 a.m.</i> Cultural Heritage Center Flute playing demonstration & flute showcase Pavilions Fry bread served • until 6:30 p.m. North Reunion Hall Potawatomi language immersion class Powwow Grounds Family photos Hot dogs, bratwursts, smoked bologna • until 10 p.m. - Located at concessions throughout the powwow grounds Drumming and dancing demo Archery competition - West side of powwow grounds <i>Registration at 9 a.m.</i> Kids Activities Swimming pool open • until 5 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters Children’s art competition - Tent located South side of FireLake water tower - <i>Registration at 9 a.m.</i>
10:30AM	Cultural Heritage Center Kahdot/Muller honored family interviews - Studio • until 11:45 p.m. Wellness Center Cooking demo
11:00AM	Ballfields Youth softball throwing contest • 14 & under
11:30AM	Powwow Grounds Lunch • served until 1 p.m. Pavilions Corn soup • served until 1 p.m.
12:00PM	North Reunion Hall Potawatomi language bingo
1:00PM	Cultural Heritage Center Eagle Aviary demonstration • until 2:15 p.m. Pappan honored family interviews - Studio • until 2:15 p.m. Open interview honored family interviews CHC conference room • until 2:15 p.m. Flute playing demonstration and flute showcase • until 2:30 p.m. Kids Activity Youth arts & crafts • until 4 p.m. - Tribal Headquarters
2:00PM	North Reunion Hall Potawatomi children’s language class
2:45PM	Cultural Heritage Center Closed for general council - reopens at 5:00 p.m.
3:00PM	FireLake Arena General council • Registration will be closed during this time
5:00PM	Cultural Heritage Center Tribal heritage family and veterans interviews Potawatomi Gift Shop reopens • until 6 p.m. Reunion Hall Founding family film festival Tribal Headquarters Swimming pool closed for the day Powwow Grounds Swimming pool closed for the day
5:30PM	Powwow Grounds Gourd dancing Dinner • served until 7:30 p.m.
6:00PM	Cultural Heritage Center Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day
8:00PM	Powwow Grounds Grand entry

SUNDAY

7:00AM	Sharp House Traditional ceremonies - Prayer circle
7:30AM	Powwow Grounds Breakfast • served until 10 a.m.
8:00AM	Cultural Heritage Center Sacred Heart walking tour • transportation to site provided Cultural Heritage Center parking lot Tribal heritage family & veterans interviews • until noon Founding family film festival • until noon Potawatomi Gift Shop open • until noon Aviary tours begin. Tours are each hour with the last tour beginning at 11 a.m. Bus leaves from the Cultural Heritage Center.
9:00AM	Kid Activities Youth arts & crafts • until 11:30 a.m. - Tribal Headquarters Kiddie Land - Powwow grounds Swimming Pool at powwow grounds open • until 2 p.m.

10:30AM	Mission Hill Church Church services - Church just North of health clinic
11:30AM	Powwow Grounds Lunch • served until 1 p.m.
12:00PM	FireLake Mini-Putt <i>Mini-Putt Tournament Registration</i> Mission Hill Church Hymnals in Potawatomi
12:30PM	Cultural Heritage Center Cultural Heritage Center closes for the weekend
1:00PM	FireLake Mini-Putt Mini-Putt tournament
3:00PM	Dance Arena Volleyball - <i>Registration at 2:00 p.m.</i>



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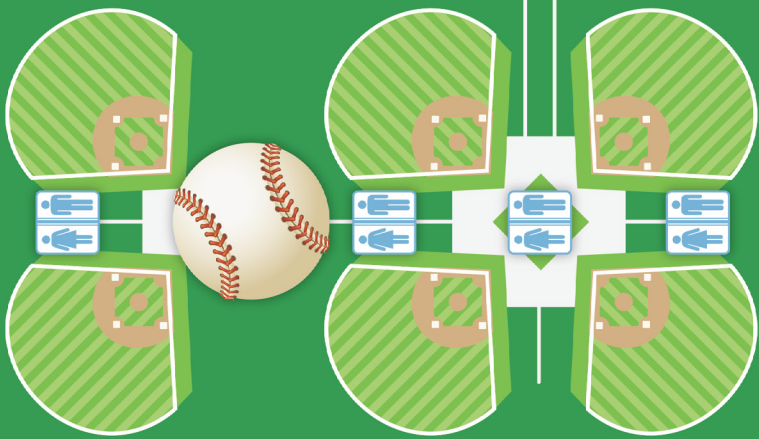


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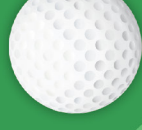
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CLARDY

Isabella A. Clardy was the postmaster in southern Pottawatomie County in 1875. The town's name mirrored its postmaster and was called "Isabella." However, the town's name quickly changed to "Clardyville." Her husband Joshua E. Clardy wrote a letter to the commissioner of Indian Affairs requesting that a portion of the funds set aside for education purposes be given to the region. Along with the Sac and Fox Agency, they secured funding for a school to be built in Clardyville, near modern day Wanette.



CRUMBO

Mary Ann Hurd married Alexander Crumbo in 1888 and had the first of 11 children at age 17 on the Kansas reservation. The Crumbos joined the Citizen Band when they received an allotment of land in Oklahoma in 1890. They cleared the land and maintained a farm in Cleveland County where Alexander excelled in carpentry, animal husbandry and farming. Mary and the whole family worked on the farm. The youngest of their children was Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Crumbo, who was a well-known Native artist.



FRAPP

Gabriel Frapp, a trader, farmer and carpenter, came from Indiana to Kansas in 1848 and assisted in the construction of the first buildings at St. Mary's Mission near Sugar Creek, Kansas, but walked on before the move to Indian Territory. His wife Martha and children moved to present-day Oklahoma in the late 1880s. His grandson, Norman E. Frapp, who is pictured above, served in World War I with the American Expeditionary Force in France from 1917-1919.



JUNEAU

Josette and Solomon Juneau were the founders of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Solomon served as the first mayor, postmaster, fur trader, developer and real estate agent. Josette was a mother to 17 children who served as a nurse and midwife. They had a great love story and Solomon died only months after Josette walked on. One of their sons, Narcisse, led a scouting party from the reservation in Kansas to select the CPN's future tribal lands in Oklahoma in 1869 and served on the tribal legislature.



KAHDOT

Isaac "Ike" Kahdot, the eldest son of Peter and Jane Curley Kahdot, was a 22-year-old third baseman for the Cleveland Indians in 1922. He turned down a chance to continue in the major league because he was a newlywed and wanted to stay close to home. He spent 13 years on several minor league teams and retired from Tinker Air Force Base after 11 years. He walked on in 1999, a few months shy of 100 years old. He is pictured with his siblings Helen, Leo and Louis.



MULLER

George Henry Muller, son of Alexander and Eliza Jane (Huffman) Muller, married Melinda Spencer, who is a descendent of Peregrine White. In 1620, Peregrine was born on the Mayflower as it was nearing what came to be Plymouth, Massachusetts. Melinda and George were married in 1875 in Rossville, Kansas, but would move to the Citizen Band Potawatomi reservation in Indian Territory. Above is a photograph of their daughter Mary Laura "Lavina" Barnes and two of her sons, Leroy and Clarence.



PAPPAN

Three Pappan brothers married three Gonville sisters, whose grandmother was Potawatomi. These brothers created and maintained a ferry system that allowed travelers to get across the Kaw (Kansas) River in Kansas, near the Potawatomi reservation. Many of these travelers included those on the Oregon and California trails. Willard Bridge is currently located where the Pappan Ferry was. (Photo rights kansas-memory.org)

FAMILY INTERVIEW SCHEDULE - AT THE CHC

STATION 1
CLARDY
FRAPP
KAHDOT
PAPPAN

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
8AM - 9:15AM
9:15AM - 10:30AM
10:30AM - 11:45AM
1:00PM - 2:15PM

STATION 2
CRUMBO
JUNEAU
MULLER
OPEN

FireLodge tribal youth update: June 2016

By Darin Greene,
FireLodge Tribal Youth Coordinator

Summertime is here and school is out, but the students participating in the PLACE program continue to learn skills and about Native American culture. This June, the tribal youth will learn to experience several aspects of life.

With Family Reunion Festival coming up in June and Gathering of Potawatomi Nations in July, the youth were taught powwow etiquette, as they will be volunteering during these events. They will learn about the Great Plains cultures, how to do basic beadwork and how to build a wigwam as part of the GET Native Program.

Promoting health and wellness, we will keep the youth moving this month by visiting the Shawnee Splash Water Park, the pool at the CPN Wellness Center and FireLake Mini Putt.

The youth will learn basic archery and how to fish, including how to put a reel together and bait the hook. The youth will also compete against each other in a Celebrating Potawatomi Arts Contest.

Several trips are planned this month, including to the Martin Park Nature Center in Oklahoma City and The Toy and Action Figure Museum in Pauls Valley. We will take a tour of the CPN Eagle Aviary, which most of the youth didn't know we had.

Michael Jordan, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry at Oklahoma Baptist University, will be organizing time to work with the Raspberry Pi models, which are tiny computers used to teach the students how to code and explore computing.

If your child is interested in learning more about Native American culture or could benefit from our PLACE Program, please contact me at dgreene@potawatomi.org.



Tribal youth learn proper powwow etiquette from FireLodge staff and volunteers at the PLACE.

Language with Justin: June 2016

By Justin Neely, Director of the
CPN Language Department

This year at Festival we will have two games of *shishibe* or Potawatomi Bingo. This was a hit last year so we are going to play games on Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at noon. We will also be having a children's Potawatomi language class at 2 p.m. on Saturday and an immersion Potawatomi class at 10 a.m. on Saturday. We hope you will be able to make one of our classes.

The online language courses Beginner I and II are currently available and the children's page should be on language.potawatomi.org by Festival. The intermediate course should be available this fall. The courses are broken into 20 chapters with crosswords, tests, video spoofs and cultural teachings. The beauty of these courses is that a person can participate no matter where they live in the country or what time they have available. It's completely self-paced. We have had 330 students take part in the online classes to date.

Here's some words you can use for the Festival.



Nishnabe means "original people" in Potawatomi.

Gshatemget - It's hot. (guh sho dam get)

Kyetnam gshatemget - It's really hot. (key yet nam guh shot dam get)

Mno gishget - It's a nice day. (mih no geesh get)

Wijeweshen - Come with me/accompany me. (wee juh way shin)

Widmoshen bgéji éyawyen - Tell me a little about yourself. (weed moe shin buh gah jee eh yow yin)

Migwetch - Thanks. (mee gwech)

Igiwen - Heartfelt thanks (eeg we in)

Ahaw - OK. (ah how) No direct translation for "you're welcome."

Mine kedon - Say it again. (meenuh kuh dohn)

Gbekte ne? - Are you hungry? (guh buck tay nay)

Gbektem ne? - Are you all hungry? (guh buck tahm nay)

Wenet éwabmenan - It was good to see you. (wun it eh wahb muh nahn)

Ni pi je éyéyen? - Where are you? (nee pee juh eh yay yin)

Nweshmowgemgok nde-zhya - I am going to the hotel. (nuh wesh maw gum goke nduh zhee yah)

Wegni je eschegeyen? - What are you doing? (wehk nee juh ehs chu gay yin)

Ggi-mno mba ne? - Did you sleep well? (guh geem gnome bah nay)

Bama mine - Later again. (bahmah meenuh) No direct translation for "goodbye."

CPN will be hosting the Potawatomi Language Conference on July 27-29 at the Cultural Heritage Center in conjunction with the Potawatomi Gathering of Nations. We will have speakers and students from all over the country, so it's a great opportunity to not only listen to and learn from different people but also a chance to see what's going on in different parts of the country with the different groups of Potawatomi.

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CPN Veterans report: June 2016



Bozho,

The CPN Veterans Organization has been very busy with color guard and honor guard events while planning for the June Festival and July Gathering for this year. One project that David Barrett and I have worked on is the new veterans' t-shirt that will be available at both events.

Included in this report is a picture of that new t-shirt. The eagle on the front is from our very own aviary and the image on the back was drawn by me for this project. We hope you will like it. Be sure to visit our booth and get acquainted. We will have a meeting of all trib-

al veterans Saturday morning during the Festival.

We have had a few of our members walk on, but others have joined us to share in the fellowship we enjoy each month and participate in the special events of the color guard and honor guard.

Veterans, have you registered with the Department of Veterans Affairs? The VA has made the largest transformation in the history of its existence. They are reporting progress and growth of the locally led, community-driven initiative called "My VA Communities."

What these communities have in

common is that they have local veteran engagement boards led by the community that provide a feedback and input mechanism for local veterans. They are accessible and designed to bring together all available local resources and capabilities to better support our veterans. They are also flexible enough to meet the unique needs of each community and facilitate the development of local solutions. If you haven't registered yet with the VA, please do so. It may be helpful to you with some your needs, now or in the future.

Though we missed her announcement in the May Hownikan, congratulations to Midshipman Jacqueline Kennedy on her graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 2016. This Peltier family member will be attending flight training in Pensacola, Florida.

Migwetch.

Daryl Talbot, Commander



CPNPD officers and dispatchers honored

On April 29, Citizen Potawatomi Police Chief James Collard and Chief District Judge Philip D. Lujan gathered with employees and family members of the CPN Police Department to present several awards and service recognitions.

Judge Lujan began by explaining the importance of ceremonies and taking time out of ordinary life to celebrate something extraordinary. Chief Collard echoed the judge's sentiments, saying that moments taken to honor members of the tribal police force are important because "while others run away from the sound of danger, these men and women run towards it."

"The level of professionalism in this department isn't surpassed by any other in the state of Oklahoma," Collard said, who took on the role of tribal police chief in 2012.

Judge Lujan swore in four new officers to the tribal police force: officers Jason Reid, JJ Washington, Angie Dawkins and Adam Villarreal.



Judge Lujan swears in officers Angie Dawkins, JJ Washington, Jason Reid and Adam Villarreal.

Three CPN dispatchers, Joan Nevin, Jessica O'Neal and Ashley Koster, received recognition for going above and beyond in the workplace. Collard called dispatchers the "unsung heroes of law enforcement" and gave a brief explanation of each dispatcher's award.

"This ceremony was to celebrate the moments of excellence where these women proved they can make quick decisions and remain calm to locate people in distress and assist in the arrest of criminals," he said.

Three tribal police officers also were awarded for their service while on

duty. Patrol Officer Todd Jones received the department's Lifesaving Award for his role in talking down a suicidal individual threatening to jump off of a bridge. Officer Jones stayed with the individual until other officers arrived to take him to safety and treatment.

Detective Sgt. Russ Ross received the department's Accommodation Award and Detective Sgt. Michael Hembree was granted the Meritorious Conduct Award for obtaining federal charges for three criminals engaging in multi-state credit card fraud after a year-long investigation.

Stephen Rhoads was promoted to sergeant and was sworn in by Judge Lujan to take over the night shift duties. Collard said that he will be able to sleep easy at night and has great confidence in Rhoads as he begins his new position.

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We want to hear from you about owning a CPN Choice Account through First National Bank and Trust Co.

Take our short online survey at cpn.news/CPNChoice

FESTIVAL
EARLY REGISTRATION
THURSDAY 12-6PM AT FIRELAKE ARENA

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is conducting a census of tribal members in order to obtain contact information and demographic details. The census data will be used for future emergency response efforts and to provide details when applying to receive grant funds.

Please visit census.potawatomi.org to fill out an emergency response and census survey, our grant dollar opportunities depend on your feedback.

Bailey and Ledinski win 2016 March Madness fitness competition

By Sarah Lawerance,
CPN Fitness Trainer

Each year, you can feel the anticipation building at FireLake Wellness Center as the March Madness fitness challenge rolls around.

The contest was set up like the NCAA basketball championship bracket and went for six weeks, beginning in March. This year we had 64 participants, including 32 women and 32 men. Each person competes against his or her opponent for 90 minutes per week. The person who racks up the most miles on the treadmill, arc trainer and stationary bike by the end of the week goes onto the next round of competition. To make all the pieces of equipment equitable, the Tecumseh High School math department came up with the equations.

When we began the challenge 11 years ago, we required competitors



Emily Ledinski and James Bailey.

to work out five hours per week. Because that is a lot of pounding on the joints of participants, we have changed the contest to 90 minutes per week, which can be broken up into 15-minute increments, which

produced some of the best results we'd ever seen this year.

The female winner was tribal member and FireLake Wellness Center employee, Emily Ledinski. The

runner-up was Mindee Duffell, who works in the CPN Education Department.

James Bailey, who is a physical therapist at FireLake Wellness Center, won the male side of the bracket. The runner-up was Cheyenne Deathridge, who won the competition last year.

Ledinski and Bailey both won a \$250 gift card to Dick's Sporting Goods.

If you'd like to learn more about the classes and services of FireLake Wellness Center, visit <http://cpn.news/flwc> or email me at skessler@potawatomi.org.



POTAWATOMI NATION FOOTBALL & SPORTS SKILLS CAMP

JUNE 27-28 | 8AM-3:30PM
GRADES 1ST-8TH | CAMP FEE: \$15.00



Tribal Chairman - John "Rocky" Barrett

Bozho, Nikan
(Hello, my friend)

As we approach another Family Reunion Festival, I am happy to report that our Nation is stronger than ever.

In recent months arbitrator Daniel J. Boudreau, a former state supreme court justice, ruled that the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the state government had acted unlawfully to tax tribal enterprises and threaten all of our businesses with closure. Though the state has appealed this decision to a federal court and the Oklahoma Supreme Court, we believe the arbitrator's decision will stand on its merits. Hopefully both will be decided quickly so that we can get back to investing our tribal dollars in jobs, infrastructure and services rather than legal fees.

Closer to home, city commission elections are taking

place in the City of Shawnee on June 28, just two days after Festival. Two candidates have already been elected due to a lack of opponents, while two more races are being contested. Kelli McCullar is a Shawnee, Oklahoma native who is running in one of these races. She is a local business owner and has campaigned on being a new and more diplomatic face on a city commission that was for far too long divisive, combative and in our specific case, litigation happy.

In the other race, incumbent Linda Agee is seeking reelection. I have known Ms. Agee for many years, and while I have not agreed with every single decision she has made at the commission, I have never doubted her sincerity and fairness in serving as an elected official. She has been an advocate for both the Shawnee Twin Lakes area and downtown Shawnee, the latter of which she works tirelessly to promote through the Historic Shawnee Alliance. If you have seen new paint going up on businesses there or participated in family friendly activities in downtown, Ms. Agee has had a large part in it behind the scenes.

As a lifelong resident of the



"Jackson" Barrett wearing his grandfather's high school letterman's sweater and standing in front of the clock dedicated to his great-grandfather and namesake in downtown Shawnee.

town and a Shawnee voter, I'll be voting for McCullar and Agee on June 28.

In other great news about Shawnee, I am taking the grandparent's prerogative and bragging on one of Shawnee High School's newest graduates, John Adams Barrett III. My grandson, "Jackson" as he is known, is the fourth generation of

Barrett men to graduate from Shawnee.

My father John Adams Barrett Sr. graduated with the class of 1941, followed by my graduation with the class of 1962. My son Jack graduated with the class of 1988 and Jackson was with the class of 2016 as they walked before a packed FireLake Arena. Interesting note,

while Jackson was in the first class to walk at FireLake Arena, my father was the first to walk at the old venue of OBU's Raley Chapel.

I tell this in part to demonstrate the deep ties so many of us Citizen Potawatomi have with towns like Shawnee, Tecumseh, McLoud and other Pottawatomie County communities. Our families were here before this was a state, and while there are now more than 20,000 tribal members outside of Oklahoma, we all remain part of a larger family tied into these lands.

In that vein, I look forward to welcoming all of you to the tribal home for the 2016 Family Reunion Festival. This is a fantastic time of year for all of us at the tribe, as our friends and family from across the world return to our home to celebrate our tribal history and ties.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your tribal chairman.

Migwetch,
John "Rocky" Barrett
Keweoge
"He Leads Them Home"
Tribal Chairman



Vice-Chairman - Linda Capps

val and the Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations at the same time. There are grants and projects due, along with reports, compliance and implementation.

At the same time, we have completed several important projects and tasks. We are so proud of the new FireLake Express Grocery at 3467 S. McLoud Rd. in McLoud, Oklahoma. It is exciting for the people in that area to have close access to a wonderful new grocery store.

Our new club house at the golf course is almost completed. We have just finished a very important project at the eagle aviary by planting milkweed to encourage Monarch butterflies to return to Oklahoma. We have designated a new block grant project that will involve the growth of our clinic facilities. CPN students have recently graduated from St. Gregory's; the first of those

who benefited from the free tuition provided by the tribe. Speaking of graduates, I wish to congratulate Kayla Elizabeth Longo on her graduation from Alvirne High School as well as Christopher Austin Carmichael for his graduation from Drexel University with a doctorate in physical therapy. Jennifer Marie Carmichael also graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's in chemical engineering.

We continue work on the sales tax issue with the State of Oklahoma. Although it is looking better for us at this time, we realize that we must be diligent in our endeavor to succeed. It takes a lot of time, persistence and sheer fortitude to gain a strong position as a sovereign nation. After all, our tribe is among those who have fought the hardest to overcome obstacles placed before us by the government. In modern times, the effort takes a new

twist and the government often takes a new form, but the fight continues.

Another type of busy for our tribe is graduation time. The demand is not necessarily due to outside activities that we must attend, it is more an aspect of the outside activities coming to us.

Shawnee High School held their graduation ceremony at FireLake Arena on May 16. Dale graduated the evening of May 19. Gordon Cooper Technology Center followed on May 18. There are groups using our playground facilities, our reunion halls and the festival grounds. Combine these activities with a couple of proms and several other end-of-year school activities, and you have constant visitors to our facilities.

That is a good thing! The more traffic we have, the more our goods and services are exposed to the outside. I

appreciate all of our directors in their diligence to perfect the roles that they play in providing services to the public, this includes those who strive to get the paperwork and records maintained in a satisfactory manner.

I hope to see many of you at the Festival in June. That time will be here before we realize. If you cannot make the Festival this year, perhaps you can attend the Gathering of the Nations in July. Regardless, I hope to see you sometime this summer. Our Nation is blessed in so many ways. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such an exciting endeavor.

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GATHERING OF POTAWATOMI NATIONS

HOSTED BY CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION IN SHAWNEE, OK - JULY 28-30, 2016
THE LANGUAGE CONFERENCE WILL RUN FROM JULY 27-29, 2016



Bozho Nikan,

The month of May is almost over and that means the annual Family Reunion Festival is just around the corner. It is always the last weekend in June, this year taking place on June 24-26, 2016. If you have never been to Festival, start making your plans now to attend. I can promise you will not be disappointed. It is also a great time to

District 1 - Roy Slavin

schedule family reunions. You will see family members you haven't seen in a long while and make many new friends. Come and join us for Festival. Each year the Nation honors a group of its founding families. This year the honored families are:

- Clardy
- Frapp
- Kahdot
- Juneau
- Pappan
- Crumbo
- Muller

There will be many activities including Grand Entry, cultural classes, dance contests and the general council meeting on Saturday at 3 p.m. Tribal elections are decided during Festival and in-person voting occurs on

Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the tribal court room in the CPN Administration Building.

For more information go to <http://cpn.news/CPNFest2016> where you will also find pictures from the 2013, 2014 and 2015 Festivals. Also check the schedule inside this edition of the newspaper, and in your welcome packet at Festival registration. The schedule is subject to change.

I'd also like to mention that our well renowned District 1 Hand Games Team is fired up and ready for all challenges, especially our rivals from the District 2 Hand Games Team!

The Gathering of Nations is

hosted each year by one of the nine bands of Potawatomi in North America, providing an opportunity for members of all to come together and celebrate their Potawatomi heritage. The 2016 gathering will take place in Shawnee, Oklahoma from July 28 – 30 and is being hosted by none other than the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Most events will take place in the fully air conditioned FireLake Arena. Please make plans to attend – again you will not be disappointed. I have spoken about the CPN website, www.potawatomi.org in previous articles and will mention it again, because here you will find information about the Festival and Gathering with information on those events updated

regularly. There is a wealth of information there about our great Nation there.

As always I will close this article with a plea for your contact information – email or snail mail. If you do not occasionally get email or mail from me it is because I do not have your information and due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide that information to me. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative.

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Bozho nikanek
Hello friends,

Vital help available by text: I recently learned about Crisis Text Line. The website, www.crisistextline.org, describes the service as:

“Free support at your fingertips, 24/7. Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support and information via the medium people already use and trust: text. Here's how it works:

“Text 741-741 from anywhere in the U.S., anytime, about any type of crisis.

“A live, trained crisis counselor receives the text and responds quickly.

“The volunteer crisis counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.”

Please pass on this information to everyone who may find it useful. The organiza-

District 2 - Eva Marie Carney

tion, a non-profit, uses volunteer counselors that it vets and trains, including 50 deaf and hard-of-hearing counselors. For background, see <http://cpn.news/crisistext>.

Winning words of wisdom: Congratulations to Mark Ward, of Arkansas (Higbee family), for winning District 2's seventh annual contest, which called for written entries reflecting “Words of Wisdom.” Here is his entry:

“I was lucky enough to grow up in a close family. My grandfather died when I was 12 and my grandmother came to live with my parents, my brother and me. She was a wonderful godly woman who I had the good fortune to spend every day with until I married at 23.

“My grandmother, Grace Morrell, told me something I am reminded of frequently when my patience is tested. I had been putting together a model motorcycle for a church project. As I was trying to get it finished one afternoon I became frustrated at it and pushed it off the table and onto the floor. Obviously a terrible decision and something I regretted immediately.

“My grandmother was in her chair snapping beans. Without looking up she said ‘Honey you know God was proba-

bly just testing your patience, he does that from time to time. The Bible says He won't ever put more on us than we can handle, lucky for you your shoulders are broad'.”

Potawatomi weekend in Tennessee: On Mothers' Day weekend, District 2 celebrated with a Saturday family business meeting and lunch at The Loveless Café in Nashville. We fit in family introductions and stories, a short PowerPoint, a long lunch, a “heads or tails” contest (Greg Webb of Knoxville won a copy of George Winter's painting of Potawatomi women, and promptly gifted it to his wife Kathy Meacham Webb/Wahsita (Vieux family)), and a question and answer session that addressed trust land concepts, feather permits and care, benefits issues and ideas for expanding cultural learning opportunities. We ended with a hand games demonstration by future Potawatomi leaders Alanna Keith (age 8), Zyire Keith (age 10) (Lewis family) and Kent Mattena/Moewe (age 8) (Navarre family), and a group photo. Our wisest attendee was youthful Maria Mauldin (Bourbonnais family), who also put down cedar before the meeting, farthest travelled was Lydia Rucker Nolan (a 400 mile trip from her home in Kentucky/Greemore family), and youngest was sweet 7-month old Amelia Lee (Lewis family).

I also had the honor of naming members of several families during a naming ceremony on Mothers' Day morning: Jack Nadeau/Paboset, Kathy Meacham Webb/Wahsita, Jody Kay Mattena/Gzhadawsot, Kay Mattena/Kadendasot, and Kent Mattena/Moewe. George Mattena built a spacious prayer circle on the Mattena property and



Kathy Meacham Webb - Washita, Jody Kay Mattena - Gzhadawsot and Kay Mattena - Kakendasot were among those who received their names on Mothers Day at the Mattena home in Westmoreland, Tennessee.

Jody coordinated everyone's contributions to the naming feast of *seksi* (deer meat) stew, *kotches' uk inina'tig* and *ba'boan* (carrots, maple syrup and wild ginger), yams, fresh corn, summer sausage, cornbread and salad. Recipes for the first two dishes are in Phyllis Mullin Sherard's booklet of Citizen Potawatomi recipes, which is posted on my website under the Heritage tab. (Please call or write me for the password to the Heritage part of the site.) I've included a few photos here, many more can be seen here: <http://cpn.news/eva516> (meeting photos) and here: <http://cpn.news/eva5162> (Mothers' Day naming photos).

District 2 graduate: Each May and December, the tribal newspaper honors tribal graduates around the country. I wanted to pass along my congratulations to a friend and one of District 2's own, Vivian Crayton Johnson of Silver Spring, Maryland, who recently graduated from Notre Dame of Maryland with her master's degree in special education. I had the honor of naming Vivian, a member of the Muller family, *Dok-mejewen*, at a ceremony at

my home in Virginia in September 2008. Way to go Viv, accomplishing not only your graduate degree but the work of raising children, running a home with a loving spouse, and teaching children for a living!

Final notes: Please let me know of your interest in competing with a District 2 team in the hand games competition on the Friday night (June 24) of the Festival. I am looking forward to seeing many of you this summer – whether at the Festival or at the Gathering of Nations in July. Please note my new P.O. Box for mail. My toll free phone number remains the same.

Kind regards and *bama pi* (until later),

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Group photo taken outside our meeting room at The Loveless Café in Nashville.



Bozho Nikan
Hello friends

In years past, the chairman and I, as well as some of the other representatives, have presented information relative to our past, on what took place in the 1490s through the 1870s. One topic that we did not cover is how starting with Columbus, thousands of our peers in other Native nations were made slaves. Columbus had a so called side business where he sent four

District 3 - Bob Whistler

caravels loaded with 550 Natives back to Europe to be sold in the slave markets in the Mediterranean. As a point of interest, it is estimated that between 2.5 to five million Natives were openly sold into slavery in the U.S. Ironically between 1670 and 1720 the Carolinas exported more Native slaves out of Charleston, South Carolina than they imported African slaves.

In California, the Spanish, under the direction of Father Junipero Serra, set up missions and it is questionable if the Natives in that area were really paid and worked voluntarily or were basically put into bondage. Spanish King Charles issued the 1542 New Laws that made slavery legal. In an earlier column I recall mentioning the impact of those laws even today in

decisions made by our federal courts. Some of those laws are still being used against various tribes. There are very few books that cover the Native American slavery, and history would like for this area to be left uncovered. I have read that around 1400, before Columbus arrived, there were over 100 million indigenous peoples in the Americas. In the next 150 years, through slavery, trails of death or tears, deliberate murder, and so called forced assimilation, the European settlers and frontiersmen along with our own government were able to eliminate almost 95 percent of our ancestors. That is the reason that today we are only about 1.5 percent of the total population in the U.S.

Had our numbers not been purged, we would most likely

today represent somewhere between 20 to 30 percent of the general population. Getting back to my main theme on slavery, it is an area that we need to be sure is not forgotten. There are very few books written on this subject. However, there are a couple of books recently written that would give you good insight into this area.

“The Other Slavery: The Uncovered Story of Indian Enslavement in America” by Andrés Reséndez, a professor of history at UC Davis in California is the book where I got most of the information on slavery noted above.

“Watermelon Nights” by Greg Sarris is another book on this subject. Greg Sarris is the chairman of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria in California.

As the month of June nears end, we will be holding Family Festival June 24, 25 and 26. I look forward to seeing many of you there. I am honored to represent you and proud that you have elected me to this position. If you believe I can assist you on any tribal matters, please contact me.

Bama pi, (later)

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Interest in Potawatomi history in the Topeka area:

I have recently had contact with two local government officials regarding the tribe's history in the local area. The first was from Shawnee County Director of Parks and Recreation John Knight. We exchanged emails regarding the large fireworks show on July 4 at Lake Shawnee and its close proximity to a Bald Eagle nest. I forwarded an article in local newspaper to Jennifer Randell at our Eagle aviary for comment, which I then sent to John Knight.

District 4 - Jon Boursaw

In his response he included the following comment: “Sometime in the near future I'd like to discuss more formally my wishes regarding Skyline Park. I believe that everyone calls it Burnett's Mound and we have the opportunity to not only appropriately name the park (to what the public already calls it) but also recognize his tremendous contributions to our past and development of Topeka/Shawnee County.”

The second contact was with Karen Hiller, a member of the Topeka City Council, at a local pancake breakfast. She and I discussed, at length, the recent interest in identifying and marking the routes of the Oregon Trail as it crossed through Topeka and Shawnee County and the various ferries that were operated by Citizen Potawatomi members on the Kansas River, such as the Pappans, Smiths, Darlings, Ogees, Wilmettes and Beaubains.

District 4 Graduate: Each May and December our tribal newspaper produces the names of high school and college graduates. Invariably some miss the deadline for announcement, but I wanted to congratulate District 4 and Olathe, Kansas' Connor Bickford on his graduation from Olathe Northwest High School. Connor is a member of the Navarre family.

Request for repeat presentations: What's that old saying? If you stay around long enough...well, I have recently received invitations to give repeat presentations of my CPN history. The first is at the annual meeting of the Wabaunsee County History Society on June 4 in Volland, Kansas. The very first time I gave my presentation was at this same meeting in 2011.

The second request was from the Shepard Circle in Topeka on August 12. I gave the presentation last year to this organization.

Lavon Lybarger Hill: I have received a thank you note back from Lavon Hill, who celebrated her 103rd birthday back in April. In the note she said, “Thank you and the CPN for making my 103 birthday, one I will always remember! Such fun!! The tropical plant I received is just beautiful and all in bloom! Such a surprise! And all the cards, the notes and best wishes--I do appreciate them so much...”

I also want to thank those of you who took the time to send her a card. Let's plan on doing it again next year for her 104th birthday.

2016 CPN Family Reunion Festival: Don't forget the Family Reunion Festival will be held in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Friday, June 24 to Sunday, June 26. I hope to see you there. If you see me wandering around, stop and say hello.

Mark Your Calendars:

August 27: District 4 Meeting in Wichita at the Mid-America Indian Center.

September 10: District 4 Meeting in Rossville at the CPN Community Center.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your legislative representative.

Migwetch,

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Every year we have the opportunity to get together with family and friends in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Headquarters.

This year we have two events on our home land which includes the Family Reunion Festival during the last week of June. July brings all nine

District 5 - Gene Lambert

Potawatomi bands together; the Citizen Potawatomi, Prairie Band, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band, Forest County, Hannahville, Gun Lake, Pokagon Band, Notawaseppi Huron Band and Walpole Island.

It is the Gathering of the Nations and if you have not been a participant in the past, this year would be perfect.

We, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, are hosting the eight other bands of Potawatomi this year. In past years we have visited other Potawatomi nations in their home states and countries to honor their leadership.

It gives us a chance to share our ideas, traditions and wisdom for future success and to forewarn of pitfalls that may be looming elsewhere.

When great minds get together we each have something to offer the other for our continued success.

So plan on bringing the family and be a part of this honorable event.

It matters not if you bring your RV or camping gear, stay in a hotel or motel or have friends and family to stay with, just come.

Three meals a day are served, fun crafts and events

are available for every age group. There is never enough time to do everything, but I continue to try without success each year. Maybe I will make it this year.

The families being honored in June at the CPN-only Family Reunion Festival this year are Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo and Muller.

The important thing is to introduce yourself if you are a first time attendee or create a family tradition for every single year.

This will keep our Nation strong and growing for future generations.

It is always held on the last weekend of June.

If you want to buy regalia it is available in the gift shop as are many other cultural items.

I will look forward to seeing you there.

You will never be left alone as family is everywhere.

Personal regards,

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(Gene)

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District 6 - Rande K. Payne

Bozho Nikanek,

I only blinked once, so how can the year be half gone already? Wow, I guess I'm still waiting for El Nino to kick in but it's starting to look like we've received about all the rain we're going to get for this season. Unless we have an unusually wet May it will be more like an *El Nono* (el none-yo) year with slightly better than average rainfall. I guess it could have been worse with a fifth straight year of less than average rainfall. While it was less than we were hoping for, I'm thankful for what we did get!

I hope you've made plans to attend Family Reunion Festival this year. Somehow the Festival just gets better and better, year after year. The Festival runs from June 24-26.

For honored family attendees (Clardy, Frapp, Kahdot, Juneau, Pappan, Crumbo and Muller) please remember that Tribal Heritage Productions, located inside the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, will be videotaping interviews with honored family members in the ongoing effort to archive each family's history. Dates and times are posted on the Festival schedule. On Saturday, honored families can meet up at the powwow arena about an hour before General Council for group family photos, check the schedule of Festival the day you arrive as it is subject to change.

I spoke with Vice-Chairman Linda Capps recently and she shared a couple of things regarding Festival I would like to pass on. First, work on the new club house at the golf course continues with targeted completion prior to Festival. The old club house was destroyed by fire in February 2011. The club house will be ready for tours during Festival but the golf course itself will be under construction for the next year. The course opened in 1982 and is in dire need of renovation. Only the

driving range and the putting green will be open to tribal members. In addition, tours of the club house will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both Friday and Saturday of the Festival weekend. A new attraction for Festival will be a golf clinic on Saturday, June 25 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please refer to this month's *Hownikan* for more detailed information on the clinic.

Secondly, Ms. Capps had this to say: "Tribal members will want to make their way to the new FireLake Express Grocery on McCloud Road. The grocery store is northwest of the Grand Casino at 2501 South McCloud Road, McCloud, Oklahoma. Richard Driskell, director for all grocery and convenience store operations, is extremely proud of the new store; as are all tribal members who have visited the store. It is beautiful, spacious and such a welcome resource for those who live in the area. McCloud has not had a grocery store since the late 1970s so you can imagine how excited the people of that area are to have the store."

It's always so enjoyable

talking to Ms. Capps and after hearing about all the work being done for Festival I was ready to pack my bags and head to Shawnee!

Grand Entry participation continues to grow from year to year. Regalia is becoming more commonplace than even just a few years ago. I would like to encourage everyone to honor the powwow arena by wearing proper attire. Men and boys should at a minimum be wearing a ribbon shirt, pants and closed toed shoes. Women and girls should wear a skirt, have shoulders covered and wear closed toed shoes.

Food will be available on the Festival grounds throughout the event. But while you are in town I suggest you try the fry bread tacos at FireLake Fry Bread Taco. If sushi is your thing, you have to experience Soto Sushi Bar at the Grand Casino. If your desire is fine dining, you have to try Flame Brazilian Steakhouse. Truly the best in fine dining!

If you have any questions or need assistance with anything while at Festival please feel free to give me a call. I will be available to help or

just visit for a while if you like. My cell number is (559) 999-5411.

The Potawatomi Gathering of Nations is hosted by Citizen Potawatomi Nation this year so mark your calendar for July 28-30. My brothers Terry and Bobby from Fresno are taking their RV to the Family Reunion Festival and staying in Oklahoma for the Potawatomi Gathering of Nations. The events are only five weeks apart so they just decided to hang out in Oklahoma for a while. Oh to be retired!

Wisdom from the Word: "There you and your families shall feast before the Lord your God and shall rejoice in all he has done for you." Deuteronomy 12: 7

Migwetch!

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District 7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho nikanek

Hello Friends,

A whole year has passed since the last Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, and it is always a grand time to visit with family and friends. Af-

ter a long winter of watching the fight with the State of Oklahoma, it is great to think we may be nearing the end of this needless waste of resources. Hopefully the City of Shawnee can read the writing on the wall and stops biting the hands that keep them afloat.

For anyone who has lived in California for any length of time, you have come to understand that we generally only have one season and it involves some type of disaster - from fires to floods. In the last 18 months I have had a front row view of a new

disaster in California. After four years of unprecedented drought, the front range of the central Sierra's has become ground zero for tree mortality. Specifically the region from Kern County in the south to the Highway 80 corridor in the North, most of the pine trees between the elevations of 3,000-6,500 feet are being killed by a Bark Beetle, an insect no bigger than a grain of rice. Also, we have seen in many areas a large amount of oak trees killed by a lack of water. The beautiful forest of the central Sierra's will not recover for many generations, if ever.

It is hard to watch Mother Earth suffer this way, I just hope she has the strength left to heal. The State of California has set up a website for more information: www.readyforwildfire.org.

I look forward to seeing and visiting with you at the Family Festival in Shawnee and also at the Gathering of Nations from July 28-30 at the CPN Festival grounds with all of our relations from the other Potawatomi nations.

Once again I would like to say what an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As

always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

Migwetch / Thank You,

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Bozho, District 8

With summer fast approaching, many of us will be hitting the road on vacation. It's a good time to think about securing your private information and keeping yourself as safe as possible from identity theft. It seems like every summer I get a call from my credit card company saying that my card has been compromised and someone is

District 8 - Dave Carney

trying to buy \$1,000 worth of electronics online and have it shipped to Asia or \$500 worth of gift cards at a Walmart in Texas. I've theorized that this happens from me using my card online or at a gas stations somewhere in the middle of nowhere.

About three weeks ago I received an expected check in the mail from the IRS. Usually, any check in the mail is good news and a welcome change from the usual bills, however, this check was for a refund for 2015 taxes – which I had not filed yet. After sending a scanned copy off to my tax preparer, she learned that a false return had been filed using my Social Security number and that the perpetrator had asked that the refund be di-

rectly deposited into his or her account. It turns out that the account was flagged due to multiple refunds being sent there, so the IRS mailed a "live" check to my home. Had the return and refund been completed electronically, it would have been a long time before I would have discovered the crime.

After discovering the fraud, I had a series of things I was advised to do:

- Return the uncashed check with the word VOID across the front.
- File a police report.
- Go wait in line at the Social Security office to discover if someone was using my number to gain employment.

- Join a credit monitoring service. Apparently, I will need to file my taxes on paper for a couple of years in addition to a handful of other inconveniences.

My advice to any Potawatomi reading this is to remain vigilant. Look over your bank and credit card statements carefully and do not give out any personal or financial information through email or over the phone unless you initiated the contact.

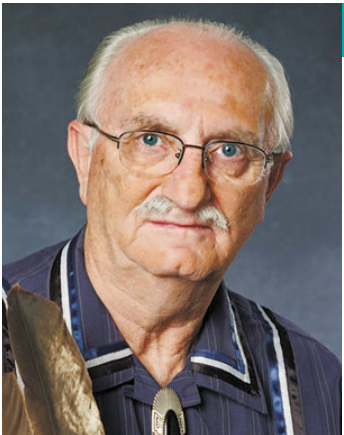
On another note... Please mark your calendars for a District 8 area gathering in Spokane, Washington. This will be a dinner meeting (starting at 5 p.m.) full of Potawatomi fun, presentations, prizes for "wisest", youngest and farthest trav-

elled. Start getting your entry ready to place in for the CPN only art contest. The art can be "fine art" such as a painting or a sculpture or a "craft" such as something knit or regalia to wear. There will be an "under 12" category as well. The item must have a Native American theme.

Check your mail in the next month or so for an invitation.

Best Regards,

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The Sacred, The Profane

The sacred, the profane,
One in the same,
But not always.

District 9 - Paul Wesselhöft

In the beginning,

Glaciers receded; land divided from the great deep.

Waters rushed riverbanks, carved canyons,

Drained into seas, lakes, and greater lakes.

Five of these great lakes pooled in one area of the world.

Waters flow from one lake to another until they explode over a great cliff.

Eagles fly high, circle the

sky, and above the spray, peer down, dive, piercing prey with their talons.

In the day, the sun shoots through the mist, arcs into a rainbow.

In the nights, the moon lights the water's path over great rocks

And down the turbulent, silver river.

Indians, native to this majestic site, revered, nurtured the land,

And from its waters were

abundantly fed.

This was their life, sacred.

In the new world, helium balloons by day invade the sky,

And helicopters buzz where eagles once flew.

By nights, bright lights, artificial, illuminate controlled flowed water.

Masses of millions fill tall hotels, gamble in casinos, shop stores,

And explore commercial

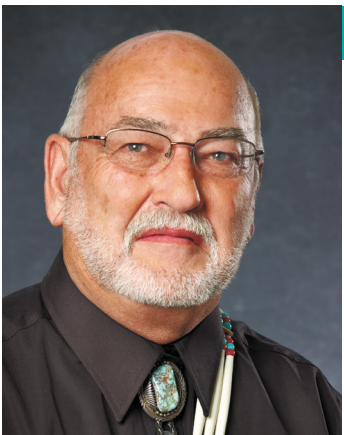
carnivals, museums and festivals.

Tourists gawk at tightrope walkers and daredevils in barrels,

Risking their lives for the crowd's amusement.

This is their life, profane.

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A special gift

Bozho,

I did not initially wish to bring attention to this, but it's not fair for me not to share it with my Potawatomi friends. This came about two years ago at the Gun Lake Tribe's hosting of the Gathering of Potawatomi Nation when my wife and I met Laura Weinstein. She stated then she would like to give me the gift of a drum, but not until she painted it. Guess who I got a call from in March?

Laura said to me, "I'm catching up on projects. Your drum is next to paint. I want to finish it before Festival. I have drawn a bear claw and

District 10 - David Barrett

Vietnam colors. What other elements would you like or do you want me to wing it?"

My response was simple. After initially being shocked that it was still going to happen I replied, "Whatever you do will be perfect. Surprise me."

What do I do now to show my appreciation for such a gift?

We met in April and exchanged our gifts at the prayer circle at the Nation. I asked her to tell me something about herself and here is her response.

"Bozho, Mno gishnawke. Mkoskwe nbdezhnekas. Tecumseh, Oklahoma. Ndoch bya. (That's all I've got! Lol). I gifted Dave a hand drum that I made at the 2014 Gun Lake Gathering. He blessed me with an eagle feather, the highest honor, from one of our own CPN eagles. Little did I know it would lead to this article. Dave asked me to give him my bio. Deer in the headlights set in!



Laura and David with the drum she gifted to him.

"Who am I?

"I am from the Bourassa, Curley, and Pappan families. I drum with Dewagonkwek. I am a Native beadwork artist. I do not have one set artist medium. I favor all forms

of expressionism. Drawing and painting are the top of my list. However, I do have a passion for beadwork done on a loom. Creating an expression one row at a time with beads breathes beauty into each project thus

keeping the tradition alive. Migwetch. Bama pi.

"I hope that when we give of ourselves good things will certainly rebound to other people. Thank about what a little kindness to our fellowman will encourage others to do likewise."

In another piece of good news, as a Tecumseh High School alumnus, I want to congratulate tribal member Natalie Kiefer, who was Tecumseh's salutatorian for the class of 2016. Congratulations to her and all of the graduates!

It goes without saying, thank you for allowing me to represent you and our great Nation. What a privilege it is to be a Potawatomi.

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John Walton Barnes



John “Johnny” Walton Barnes, 93, of Tecumseh, made his heavenly journey April 9, 2016, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 7, at the Citizen Potawatomi Chapel with burial rites following at the Wanette Cemetery.

Johnny was born Jan. 18, 1923, to parents John William Barnes and Lavina Laura (Muller) Barnes in Asher. He was the 12th of 13 children. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers and sisters, and two stepdaughters.

As a teenager, Johnny joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked on various projects, including some at Beavers Bend State Park, Smithville and Meeker, Colorado. He sent all but eight dollars a month back to his parents to help out as it was during the Depression and money was tight. Johnny was very proud of his service and had good memories of his time in CCC.

He joined the Army seven days after Pearl Harbor. Following basic training, he volunteered for the new Army Air Corps, serving in support of three crucial campaigns in World War II against the German and Italian forces. He served in Italy, Sicily and North Africa, and was awarded three Bronze Stars, Good Conduct medal and three campaign ribbons.

Johnny was a proud WWII veteran and was instrumental in getting the state Honor Flights started for WWII veterans so they could see their memorial in our nation’s Capital. He was aboard the inaugural flight out of Will Rogers World Airport.

A member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Johnny was very proud of his Native American heritage passed down from his Muller family, one of the oldest and honored families of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Johnny was very musically talented and began by listening, at a young age, to his father play the fiddle. He learned to play, along with his dad and brothers on the harmonica, and moved on to the guitar and fiddle. Johnny played no less than six string instruments and also wrote and sang bluegrass and country songs. One of his greatest joys was playing music with his many friends.

Survivors include his wife of 28 years, Pauline Opal Gibson Barnes, of Elk City; son: Benny John Barnes and wife Linda of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; daughter: Fanita Tucker of Kent,

Washington; four stepdaughters and husbands: Paula and Paul Sims of Birmingham, Alabama, Katherine and Warren Lillard of Elk City, Pat Migliachi of Moore, Carolyn Rich of Shawnee; grandsons: Ben Barnes of Idaho and John Mitchell of Kent, Washington; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, along with many friends and admirers of the special musical talents Johnny was given by his heavenly father.

P.S. Johnny: We are having a jam session in your honor with good friends J. B. and Norman White and other friends furnishing the music, and we know you will be playing along with them. Let the angels sing, too, and remember we are just a breath and heartbeat away. See you soon.

Diane Irene Hightower



Diane Irene Hightower beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend joined our Lord on Jan. 13, 2016. Diane was born to Hubert and Jean Hightower on April 4, 1957, at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Oklahoma City ahead of schedule, without the doctor or the bill.

She spent her entire life in south Oklahoma City, graduating from Mount St. Mary’s High School in 1975. Diane worked for Southwestern Bell for 16 years and spent the last 16 years as an aircraft parts repair person at Tinker Air Force Base. With a bright smile and her signature wit, she served as event planner for family fun.

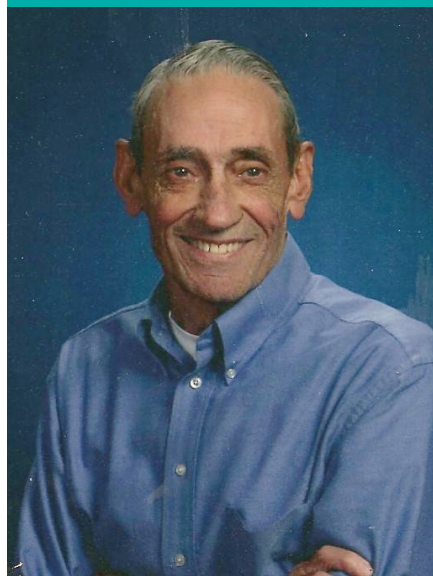
Her parents and her siblings were her best friends and biggest fans, and her nieces and nephews her “children.” Her family and her faith were the centerpieces of her life. Her faith was her compass, and her family her foundation. Diane humbly aspired to

be the “Aunt Lucy” of her generation. She was the ultimate sports fan supporting OU, OSU, Notre Dame, and all her nieces and nephews’ teams. Diane was all heart and will be profoundly missed and remembered by so many.

Diane was preceded in death by her brother: Alan Hightower. She is survived by her parents: Hubert and Jean Hightower of Oklahoma City; her siblings: Susan Birk and spouse Larry of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Patty Frakes and spouse Bob of Oklahoma City; sister in law: Lorrie Hightower of Oklahoma City, Stephanie Hightower and spouse Dorothea Hokema of New York City and Berlin, and Greg Hightower and spouse Karen of Oklahoma City; and two generations of nieces and nephews who loved their Aunt Diane so.

A wake was held Monday, Jan. 18. The Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m., both at St. James Catholic Church. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

James Dee Craig



James (Jim) Dee Craig, 76, of Baldwin City, Kansas passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his wife and daughters on April 18, 2016.

He was born Oct. 6, 1939 in Topeka, Kansas the son of William Nelson Craig and Bessie (Thompson) Craig.

Jim grew up in Silver Lake, Kansas and graduated in 1957. He joined the Kansas National Guard in January of 1957 and served with the Military Police until February of 1965. He also attended Washburn University in Topeka.

He was united in marriage to Janet George on Feb. 14, 1960 at the Methodist Church in Neosho Falls,

Kansas. They shared over 56 years of married life together. They lived in Silver Lake until 1970 when they moved to Baldwin City.

Jim worked as a Hydrologic Technician for the U.S. Geological Survey for 35 years before retiring in 1994. During his career with the government, he worked in many states with long term assignments in Puerto Rico, St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John and also at Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Denver, Colorado.

He was a member of the Baldwin First United Methodist Church; Baldwin City Friends of the Library; Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Masonic Lodge #50 AF&AM, Silver Lake, where he received his fifty year pin and certificate in August of 2012; Dept. of the Interior, Water Resources Division of Retirees; and National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He also served as the Baldwin City Treasurer from 1999 to 2007.

In addition to his family and home, he loved fishing, woodworking, gardening, sports and spending time outdoors. Jim had a positive outlook on life and a genuine sense of humor.

Mr. Craig was preceded in death by his parents; brother: William C. Craig and sister: Mary Margaret Craig.

Jim is survived by his wife: Janet of Baldwin City; three daughters: Joni K. Craig of San Diego, California, Jami Craig Veatch and husband David Veatch of Olathe, Kansas, Dr. Jana Craig-Hare and husband Sean Hare of Baldwin City; and grandson: Dawson Craig Veatch of Olathe.

Funeral services were held on Friday, April 22, 2016 at Baldwin First United Methodist Church with interment following at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cathy Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Friends of the Baldwin City Library, 800 7th Street, Baldwin City, KS 66006 or Douglas County VNA Hospice, 200 Maine Street, Lawrence, KS 66044.

Submitting obituaries

To submit an obituary, please send a word document with **no more than 300 words**, a 300dpi photo and a contact phone number to hownikan@potawatomi.org.

CPN burial assistance through Tribal Rolls

The \$2,000 CPN Burial Assistance Fund is automatically available to all enrolled CPN members. You may fill out a burial assistance fund form if you would like for us to keep it on file in case of any change in resolutions.

Please note: Once a CPN Tribal member has passed, the Tribal Rolls office must

be notified in order for CPN to provide burial funding. Information and instructions for the burial process will be sent to the next of kin and will be discussed then.

For more information please call Tribal Rolls at 405-878-5835 or email CClark@Potawatomi.org.